

Hart Beat

(An E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Key Leaders)

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➡ Hart to Heart

- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Many of our CNYAB churches have participated in Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child, packing shoe boxes to be sent all over the world for children at Christmas time. I would like to report how you did. If you would be OK being included in my reporting, send me the number of boxes your church packed.
- Last week was quite busy. Not so much this past week. The busiest day was Tuesday. I attended The Neighborhood Church Project Team at the BCNY office building, where we hammered out a budget for 2016. On the way home I circled out to Norwich and picked up the last remaining CNYBA trailer (20x30 tent) and took it to the pole barn for winter storage. All four CNYBA trailers are now in the pole barn for the winter.
- We had quite an eventful day on Thursday. Lyn was not feeling well when she got up, but went on in to substitute teach. By the time she got in the classroom she was really not feeling well. She asked the school nurse to test her blood pressure and it was 80/40. She called me and we spent the rest of the morning and into the afternoon at the emergency room. They ran several tests but did not really determine what caused the drop in pressure. They did rule out any heart issues. She will see our family doctor on Monday afternoon. Her blood pressure is still going up and down – although she was able to travel with me today.
- In light of our emergency room visit I canceled my class at Davis College on Thursday, but was able to make it to our Thursday night Open Bible Fellowship, which turned out to be one of our best yet – in spite of the fact that several of our regulars are in Florida. Since Christmas Eve comes on Thursday this year, we're planning a special Christmas Eve service.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Westmoreland CC**, where Tim Mathis is the church planter/pastor. They have been meeting for Bible Study for a couple of years and as a church since July 2015. They are in the process of getting incorporated, getting their EIN number, getting sales tax exemption, etc. They plan to petition CNYBA for membership soon.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Living Water, Owego** packed a total of 65 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor

- **Northside, Liverpool** rejoices over at least 7 professions of faith in Christ last week-end. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** has started to use the old Clinton Road building in New Hartford for ministry again - so far just for bible study. But unless God brings a buyer for the old building soon, they will begin having worship at both locations as soon as they can get the seating, sound system, etc. back up and running.
- **Outpouring, Oswego** welcomes Pastor Zach and Rebecca Neyhard's new baby daughter, Amelia, born November 6th. Pastor Zach also has a new secular job working as a security guard. They continue to need to raise support, so let's keep them in our prayers.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** is planning a Thanksgiving Worship Celebration this coming Tuesday evening. They are planning Hanging of the Green (decorating for Christmas and eating Christmas goodies) on Sunday evening, November 29th. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** had two professions of faith during the morning worship service today. They will have a Thanksgiving service this coming Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at 11 AM followed by a Community Thanksgiving Diner from Noon til 4 PM. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **North Fenton BC** held a free hunters' breakfast yesterday from 4-7 AM. Six hunters and two DJs, returning from working all night, stopped to eat and fellowship. At 2 PM they had a short Thanksgiving service, followed by a Thanksgiving meal. Several guests participated in the afternoon service and meal. Coming up, they plan a Christmas tree hunt/hay ride, a decorate the Chapel Day on Dec 5th, and on the 7th they are hosting an appreciation meal at the Sanitaria Springs VFD for the men and women who are first responders in this area - just wanting to thank them for a heart of service. Rodney Kochmanski is Pastor.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** has purchased a 2nd property next door to the property they bought last year. This "new" property is about 4 flat acres with an old barn (falling down) and a large farm house which is in fair shape. Both properties are within 150 yards of the current church building. They now have all the room they would need for any foreseeable expansion – and still debt free. In other news, Pastor Harold Lefler and his wife Jan re-joined Three Pines last Sunday and another pastor and wife who retired from Bethel Chapel (about 3 miles from Three Pines) just joined the membership today. Mike Brown is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 22nd BD Greg Johnson – Pastor # Cornerstone, Endicott
- 26th THANSGIVING

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Central Asia) Thanks to Cooperative Program gifts, JESSE and SHELLEY LANDERS* have been able to rent an apartment and begin work among a minority people group previously untouched by outreach efforts. This ethnic group has a tragic history, having been deported from their homeland by Joseph Stalin prior to World War II and eventually losing all opportunity to return. Despite being displaced, they have retained their unique cultural values and they claim that their dedication to Islam has been key to maintaining their identity. Jesse and Shelley are young workers newly assigned the task of reaching this group, with hopes of building relationships and seeing a church planted among them.
- (Pennsylvania) Working as an industrial mechanic, CHAD HOWARD met Christ through a coworker. Other coworkers saw the radical change in Chad's life when he surrendered to Christ and answered God's call to ministry two years later. He was able to see several come to know Him. After pastoring churches in South Carolina and Pennsylvania, God gave Chad a heart for Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Your generous giving through the Cooperative Program is helping Chad and his wife TIFFANI plant Josiah's Way, which currently meets in their home. Pray for Chad and Tiffani to stay faithful to the course God has directed with steadfast dedication and joy.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Unaware that Indianapolis is on Eastern Time and Chicago on Central Time, Bob inquired at the Indianapolis airport about a plane to Chicago. "The next flight leaves at 1:00 p.m.," a ticket agent said, "and arrives in Chicago at 1:01 p.m." "Would you repeat that, please?" Bob asked. The agent did so and then inquired, "Do you want a reservation?" "No," said Bob, "But I think I'll hang around and watch that thing take off."