

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Can you believe we have come to the last Sunday in 2015? Where has the year gone? Opening up before us is a fresh year of opportunity to serve the Lord and spread the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. My prayer is that we will all be more sensitive to the opportunities the Lord provides and be more urgent about the need to share the gospel.
- Rick & Donna Martin, formerly our CNYBA Ministry Center Director, Property Manager, and Pastor of Freedom Fellowship Church – currently missionaries to the Quechua Indians in the Andes Mountains of southern Peru – have been in the states for a brief time of fellowship with family and friends over the holidays. They head back to Peru on January 2nd to begin their mission in earnest, having spent the past year in language school. Rick preached at **Living Water, Owego** this morning.
- In a few days, Dan Studt from the staff of **Northside, Liverpool** will lead the launch of a new church in the DeWitt area. The first few Sundays will be a sort of Bible study/worship led by one of the men involved in the new start in a temporary location. Regular worship services, at a more permanent location, is slated to begin about March. The name of the new church will be Praxis Church.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Christ is King, Syracuse**, where Jon Speed has been pastor since the church began in September 2011. After services we enjoyed a time of fellowship with the entire family over lunch.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Baptist Campus Ministry, Syracuse** has a team of students partnering with Baptist Global Response in Nepal over winter break. The team is assisting with rebuilding homes after the April 2015 Earthquake. Our Student Ministry Leader, Devon Bartholomew, asks us to “pray for opportunities to share our hope with others, safety, growth, and encouragement.”
- **Living Water, Owego** has called Lary Hyde as Associate Pastor. They has a Christmas Eve service with DOM Ed Hart preaching. Pastor Wayne Sibrava will be on a mission trip to Peru during the early part of January 2016.
- **Central, Syracuse** (124 Alden St) WILL be showing the movie "War Room" on Thursday evening before their New Years Eve Service. The movie will begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. - please be prompt. If you, or other folks, would like to

attend, please call the church (315) 475-5012 or email Pastor Milt Kornegay (miltcbcsyr@aol.com) so that they get an idea of how many will be in attendance. There will be a tray available for donations - but donations are NOT required.

- **Christ Is King, Syracuse** will have a New Year's Eve party from 8 PM – Midnight, with food, fun, fellowship, and a prayer time. On January 10th they will move their time of worship from 10 AM to 10:30 AM and begin a Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Jon Speed is Pastor.
- **Living Water, Owego** has exceeded their \$1800 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. They also formally adopted their 2016 budget after church services this morning. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 30th BD Elise Bissell – wife of Tim Bissell
- 30th Meet with group about possible church plant
- 1st BD Meena Biswa – PW @ Nepali, Syracuse

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Washington) DANIEL SON has been serving Christ in the ministry for the past 12 years. In the past two years, Daniel became burdened by God's command to make disciples of all nations and was overwhelmed by the desire to see God's kingdom expand. Thanks in part to your prayers and faithfulness to give through the Cooperative Program, Daniel and his wife LYDIA are planting Church of the Beloved in Seattle, which publicly launched Easter Sunday 2014. During your prayer time, ask for God's protection and guidance for Daniel, Lydia and the church plant team as they share the Gospel.
- (South Asia) "Trying to help meet the medical needs of the Light of Life Center girls and their families can be overwhelming, especially when no one on staff has any medical knowledge, and we do not know which doctors in the area we can trust," shares a Christian worker in South Asia. The needs are constant and often serious at the Light of Life Center, but workers are thankful that you faithfully give through the Cooperative Program so they can meet the physical needs of these destitute girls but, more important, meet their spiritual needs as well.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Rich, my husband, and I had a hectic holiday schedule encompassing careers, teenagers, shopping, and all the required doings of the season. Running out of time, I got the stationer to print our signature on our Christmas cards, instead of

signing each one. Soon we started getting cards from friends signed "The Modest Morisons," "The Clever Clarks," and "The Successful Smiths." Then it hit me. I had mailed out a hundred cards neatly imprinted with "Merry Christmas from the Rich Robinsons."