

## Hart Beat

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

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### Hart to Heart

- Pastor Jim Hundley (**Emmanuel, Cortland**) went home from the hospital yesterday after being there for several days with pneumonia.
- Pastor James Young (**Gethsemane, Syracuse**) has been diagnosed with some sort of autoimmune malady that leaves him weak and without much stamina. He's still preaching every week, just sitting on a stool.
- Pastor's wife, Diane Brown (**Three Pines, Doraville**) has been diagnosed with breast cancer that has spread to lymph nodes and will be undergoing chemotherapy for the next several months.
- Pastor's adult daughter, Jessica DePugh (**Newark BC**) remains in the hospital in critical condition following a horrific automobile accident. There have been some encouraging signs recently.
- We got word that our younger daughter, Robyn, was taken to the hospital early. They have begun extensive tests and we should hear something more definitive later today.
- I hope you'll join me in praying for these listed above.
- **Faith, Oneida** participated in a community "Trunk or Treat at the Oneida Recreation Center this past Saturday. They had the opportunity to pass out candy as well as over 300 Chick tracts written for the different ages of kids that came. Pastor Bob Teachout says, "Please pray that these tracts will be a blessing to the recipients and that we shall see fruit."
- On Saturday past, Lary Hyde and I led Disaster Relief Training at **Living Water, Owego**. There were 10 trainees from CNYBA, one of whom had gone through the training earlier. If your church would like to have this training at your church for your folks, let me know. We can make that happen.
- Yesterday, Sunday, Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Cornerstone, Endicott**. We were also able to visit with Pastor Tan Do (**Vietnamese, Endicott**). As you already know the Vietnamese church has dissolved and Pastor Do is going back to South Vietnam for five months, to work with a church there. It was good to visit with him before and after worship service before he

departs. As it happened, Tommy Echols from BCNY was also there. He had made a presentation about SBC life during Sunday School and then preached in the worship service.

- On Sunday evening, Lyn and I worshiped with our folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor.
- After a late morning doctor's appointment, Lyn and I drove out to Rochester to visit Pastor John and Jayne DePugh (**Newark BC**) at the hospital ICU bedside of their adult daughter Jessica, who was involved in a horrific auto accident a couple weeks ago. She is showing signs of improvement, but faces a long road of recovery. John and Jayne were very appreciative of the check I delivered from the CNYBA Emergency Fund, authorized by our Leadership Team. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- There may or may not, be an issue of HART BEAT next week. Lyn and I will be taking a little R & R. We are driving out to Billy Graham's The Cove near Ashville, North Carolina, for Tod Starnes' Fall Gathering, November 3-5.
- I am thinking of a mission trip back to St. Croix again this December or January to help with clean-up, carpentry, and whatever else Pastor John Smith needs us to do. I haven't looked at air fare yet, nor have I nailed down a date with Pastor John, BUT if you are interested in joining me on this trip, let me know ASAP.
- AND next August I am working on a mission trip to Appalachia (probably late August, early September 2018), working with the Bland Community Ministries in Bland, VA – over against the West Virginia state line. The director tells me she needs carpenters for building ramps, porch repair, etc, as well as help with sorting clothes and doing an adult VBS in a nursing home. Anybody interested?

### **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – BD Rickey Fuller (Pastor @ Beacon Light, Vernon)
- Wed – BD Waylen Bray (Pastor @ Stamford BC)
- Wed – ANV Yong & Son Rhee (P&W @ River of Joy, Syracuse)
- Sun – TIME CHANGE (Fall Back)

### **Missionary Moments**

- [North Africa and Middle East] Despite ongoing violence, Christian worker MARY ALAN\* sees how God is reaching people in the Middle East who have never heard the gospel. Elias\* fled his country after Islamic State fighters overran his Iraqi village. In his new home, he met a worker who helped him understand salvation by grace. Elias now helps refugees in need. Another

believer, who still lives in his war-torn hometown, leads Bible studies. A Syrian refugee couple started a house church in their new country. "Praise God that churches in the Middle East are filling up with those who are desperate for change," said Mary. Pray that gifts through the Cooperative Program continue to spread the gospel in dangerous places.

- [Washington] ANDY BROWN discovered the need for gospel-preaching churches in metro Seattle when he visited the region in 2012 to perform a wedding. That weekend God began to impress on Andy the need for new churches in western Washington. In January 2013 Andy and his family moved to Bothell, Wash., to start The Landing Church. In January 2015, he started another at Pike Street Market in downtown Seattle. Your gifts given through the Cooperative Program help Andy and his wife, TRANG, serve the people of metro Seattle. Please pray that the Lord would draw people to Himself in the Pacific Northwest using missionaries like Andy.

### **Have You Heard This One?**

- Jim had an awful day fishing on the lake, sitting in the blazing sun all day without catching a single one. On his way home, he stopped at the supermarket and ordered four catfish. He told the fish salesman, "Pick four large ones out and throw them at me, will you?" "Why do you want me to throw them at you?" "Because I want to tell my wife that I caught them." "Okay, but I suggest that you take the orange roughy." "But why?" "Because your wife came in earlier today and said that if you came by, I should tell you to take orange roughy. She prefers that for supper tonight."