

Hart Beat

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

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Operation Christmas Child

Several of our CNYBA churches participate in the Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox project each year. The following are the total boxes “packed” by our churches – at least the totals I have heard about. There may be more, of which I am not aware

- Cornerstone, Endicott – 10 boxes
- North Fenton BC – 16 boxes
- Summit, Cazenovia – 18 boxes
- Lakeshore, Cicero – 19 boxes
- West Hill, Ithaca – 44 boxes
- Bible Fellowship, Lyons Falls – 51 boxes
- Beacon Light, Verona – 65 boxes
- Living Water, Owego – 82 boxes
- Crosspoint, Whitesboro – 101 boxes
- Stamford BC – 212 boxes
- Open Bible, Catatonk – 315 boxes
- Northside, Liverpool – 445 boxes
- TOTAL CNYBA = 1,378 boxes

Hart to Heart

- Disaster Relief efforts on St. Croix are almost totally government funded and must be done by licensed contractors. So we will not be doing a disaster relief trip to St. Croix.
- We will be doing a mission trip to St. Croix in last February or early March. We will be doing a VBS, evangelistic outreach, some sort of school presentation, and a service project in the area targeted for a new church on the west end of the island. If you are interested, please contact me immediately.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** has begun an co-ed Addiction Recovery Ministry that is designed to provide participants and community members an opportunity to obtain hope and support for chemical addiction issues. Participants will be supported by exploring solutions for freedom from addictions through Christ-centered recovery approaches. The group will also serve to help people develop crucial relationships with each other to support their recovery. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.

- **Newark BFC** will hold their annual Church-wide Christmas Party and Building Decoration on December 2nd. John DePugh is Pastor.
- **West Hill CC** held a Thanksgiving outreach this past Sunday evening. They had a brief service and then gave a turkey and all the fixings for a full Thanksgiving meal to 16 families in need from three local elementary schools. > They also have also recently installed new commercial exterior doors and have four 36 inch exterior doors with panic bar systems that they will donate to any church that needs them. Contact Pastor Bill Lower at 607-227-4646.
- On Monday past I spent the better part of the day attending the funeral of Gil Martin, father of Gail Williams, Pastor's Wife @ **Grace, Rome**. It was held at **Bible Fellowship, Lyons Falls**, where Bro. Gil was an active member. His pastor, Jeff Ford officiated.
- On Wednesday past, Lyn and I spent the better part of the day visiting with Pastor John and Jayne DePugh (**Newark BFC**) in Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester at the ICU bedside of their adult daughter, Jessica, who is still struggling to recover from a horrific auto accident, which occurred more than four weeks ago.
- On Thursday past Lyn and I attended the Thanksgiving Dinner and Service at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Pastor.
- On Friday night, Lyn and I attended the fundraising dinner for Maple Ridge Ranch, located just south of Owego, at the invitation of the Bakers from **West Hill, Ithaca**. A lot of good things are happening for the Lord through the ministry of this Christian youth camp.
- On Sunday morning past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Newark Bible Fellowship Church**, in order to deliver an automobile, donated to Pastor John DePugh and his wife, by a couple in one of our CNYBA churches. The DePugh's car was totally destroyed in that horrific accident mentioned above that left their daughter in ICU at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.
- On Sunday evening past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Pastor. Beginning next week I will interrupt our sermon series from Joshua to do a five Sunday Advent series leading up to and including Christmas Eve.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – ANV Greg & Stephanie Johnson (P&W @ Cornerstone, Endicott)

- Wed - BD Dr. Greg Johnson (Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott)
- Thurs – THANKSGIVING DAY

Missionary Moments

- [South America] Christian worker JOHNNY MAUST helped baptize six new believers in Ecuador's ocean alongside one of Cuba's first international missionaries. During the Cubans' six-month term, they led 20 to faith in Christ. Johnny and his wife, Donna, hope Cuba will send several more couples because there is a need for Spanish-speaking, long-term church planters to help locals reach spiritual maturity. "It would transform this area," said Johnny, "and I think it would also motivate the Ecuadorians. They would say, 'Hey, if these guys can do that, why can't we do that?'" Praise God for missionaries funded through the Cooperative Program and who equip believers from many nations to share the gospel.
- [Pennsylvania] As the director of collegiate ministries for the Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania/South Jersey, ROBERT TURNER provides leadership for collegiate ministries throughout the region. To do this, Robert enlists and leads a team of collegiate ministers throughout Pennsylvania and South Jersey. He also works with churches and church planters to help them better impact college students in their communities. Your giving through the Cooperative Program helps Robert train and mentor collegiate ministry leaders. Please pray that Robert and his team will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as they seek strategies that are effective in connecting with today's college students.

Have You Heard This One?

- An old man in Miami calls up his son in New York and says, "Listen, your mother and I are getting divorced. Forty-five years of misery is enough." "Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," he says. "So call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up. Now, the son is worried. So he calls up his sister. She says "They can't get divorced!" and calls her father immediately. "You're not getting divorced! Don't do another thing, my brother and I are flying home tomorrow to talk about this. Until then, don't call a lawyer, don't file a paper, don't do anything!" The old man turns to his wife and says "Okay, they're coming for Thanksgiving - and paying their own airfares."