

## Hart Beat

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

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### Hart to Heart

- Well, as I was preparing to leave to visit one of our CNYBA churches yesterday morning, it began to snow. In just a few minutes the ground was covered and it was still coming down pretty good. So I changed plans and decided to worship locally. I guess it's time to get the studded snow tires on the car.
- Correction of new address for Roger & Mary Knapton. I'm sure they would appreciate a card now and again. The correct address (as I understand it) Roger & Mary Knapton, The Homestead, 418 N. Main St, Unit 3 Room 322, Penn Yan, NY 14527.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will have a Family Gingerbread Event at 9 AM on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents and children will have a chance to decorate a gingerbread house together and enjoy some Christmas treats! That evening they will have United—a night just for students in grades 6-12 to come experience God in a new way. They'll have some crazy Gingerbread challenges, cookies, a hot cocoa bar and more! On Sunday, December 24, Northstar will be having 4 identical Christmas Eve Services: 9:00am, 10:30am, 3:00pm & 5:00pm. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Living Water, Owego** ladies will have their 4<sup>th</sup> annual cookie exchange on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Children in the Pastor's class will go Christmas caroling this Wednesday evening while adults will be watching a screening of "Flying Blind", a new video from the Billiy Graham Evangelistic Association. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.
- Yesterday morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Living Water, Owego**, where Wayne Sibrava has been pastor since December 1997.
- Last night, Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as church planter/pastor. Our theme last night was LOVE for the third week of Advent. The take-a-way from last night's message from 1 John 4 is that Love is Described in the Context, Demonstrated on Calvary, and should be Displayed in Christians.

## **Upcoming CNYBA Mission Trips & Retreat**

- I'm putting together a mission trip to St. Croix, Virgin Islands for next March. It will include a Vacation Bible School, Evangelism outreach, and a service project of some kind. If you would like to be a part of this trip, let me know ASAP (no obligation right now). I'm working on estimated cost. Exact dates will depend on who wants to go and their schedule. Of course, the earlier we can make plane reservations the cheaper it is.
- I'm also putting together a mission trip to Appalachia for September 2-7, 2018. We'll be working with the Bland Community Center in Bland, VA doing home repairs, clothes sorting, and possible VBS in a local nursing home. If you would like to be a part of this trip, let me know ASAP. I'm working on estimated cost.
- The Appalachia Mission Trip will be immediately prior to our First Annual Fall Retreat, which will be held at The Cove, Billy Graham's Training Center in Asheville, NC in conjunction with the Todd Starnes Fall Get-a-Way on September 7-9, 2018. Let me know if you think you might like to go on this mission trip. I'm working on estimated cost.
- With the CNYBA Appalachia Mission Trip and the CNYBA Fall Retreat being back to back, you have at least three options – do both, do the mission trip only, do the retreat only. I am working on details and how CNYBA might provide transportation for these two events. The important thing is to let me know if you're interested ASAP (no obligations now) and to save the dates on your calendar.

## **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – The Neighborhood Church Project Team Meeting
- Wed – BD Roscoe Lilly (Pastor @ Northstar, Clifton Park)
- Thurs – OBF Leadership Team Meeting
- Thurs – OBF Fellowship Meal & Bible study
- Sat – BD Jayne DePugh (PW @ Newark BFC)

## **Missionary Moments**

- [Europe] IMB worker JACKIE LEWIS\* works with gypsy kids from the slums, orphanages and those she sees digging through dumpsters. She shares Bible stories with them and loves seeing them uncover something new in Scripture. Jackie also feels burdened to meet families—to sit in their homes and talk about

family, culture and Bible stories. God responded to that burden with Andre and his wife, Stanka. As she got to know this family, she learned about their passion to reach their people with the gospel. Pray God uses gifts through the Cooperative Program to help Jackie teach this couple about the Great Commission and how God uses the least expected people for His glory.

- [Kansas] As a church planting catalyst in the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, ABRAHAM AREVALO focuses on helping Hispanic churches get started. Though he has done a lot of work with first-generation Hispanic church plants, he is also trying to get second-generation Hispanic plants started that reach English-speaking Hispanic communities. He says there are many communities around the area with growing Hispanic populations but no churches to reach them. Your gifts given through the Cooperative Program help him to meet with, mentor and support church planters in Kansas and Nebraska. Pray for God to call more planters to the state.

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

- Two friends rented a boat and fished in a lake every day. One day they caught 30 fish. One guy said to his friend, "Mark this spot so that we can come back here again tomorrow." The next day, when they were driving to rent the boat, the same guy asked his friend, "Did you mark that spot?" His friend replied, "Yeah, I put a big 'X' on the bottom of the boat." The first one said, "That don't make any sense. What if we don't get that same boat today!?!?"