

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Spring came and went! Well, maybe it wasn't spring. Maybe it was just a foretaste of things to come. It's time now to begin planning outreach and evangelism projects. If you need to use the association's tents, scaffolding, or block party trailer, send me an email. First come, first served.
- Can you believe that Wednesday is the first of March? We have already used up 1/6 of 2017. If we're going to get anything done for the Lord this year we'd better get crackin'.
- I know it seems like a long time away, but it's not too early to make plans to attend the CNYBA Mid-year Meeting on May 6th at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where Todd Starnes from Fox News Channel Radio will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "The Church Functioning in a Hostile Environment"
- The CNYBA Alaska Mission Trip Team is formed! We have 16 signed up, representing 9 churches. We'll be doing construction type projects in Delta Junction, AK July 25th -August 1st. Be praying for this team.
- Yesterday morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Christ is King, Nedrow**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Jon Speed, whose whole family is fighting the flu.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Although we were down in attendance a bit because of sickness, travel, and ????, the spirit was great and the fellowship was good. We plan to launch a children's ministry in the spring, as well as some evangelistic outreach projects.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** has an ongoing mission in La Croix, Haiti working with a mission that is already there. You can see the 2016 report video at <https://youtu.be/KtiiORlPeZg>. If you, or others in your church, would like to explore joining with the Crosspoint team on their next trip, contact Daniel Beck beckbuilders@gmail.com or (315) 292-0857. Sam Macri is Pastor.

- **Lakeshore, Cicero** had a Youth Snow Camp on February 17-19. They are planning a Police and Fireman's Benefit for March 4th to give something back to them for what they do to protect citizens. Mike McMahon is Pastor.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** is planning a Cornerstones (Open Nesters) Dinner Out on March 9th for older adults to come together to talk over dinner about how they can be cornerstones of support, stability, and strength for their church and community. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** will have a covered dish Covered Dish Meal following Worship next Sunday, which will be followed by church conference. On March 12-15 they will hold revival services with guest speaker Carl Bradford, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Mon – ANV Bernie & Kristen Elliott (AP&W @ Mission, Syracuse)
- Wed – BD Margaret Culver (PW @ Emory Chapel, Waverly)
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible study

➡ **March Ministry Anniversaries**

- Ariel Ruiz – Pastor @ Nueva Esperanza since March 1999.

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [GEORGIA] EMIL AYOUB serves in a variety of roles as he reaches out to Arabs in Georgia, Tennessee and around the world. Ayoub serves as the pastor of Arabic Church in Dalton, Ga., where he helps Arab believers reach their communities in Northwest Georgia and Southeast Tennessee. He also helps train church leaders throughout the Middle East through a variety of ministries. Your support through the Cooperative Program helps Emil touch his local community with the good news about Jesus—and helps pastors throughout the world do likewise in their communities. Pray that God would continue to provide for Emil's family as he serves Jesus.
- [East Asia] IMB workers JEREMIAH and JOY FARMER train and equip East Asian believers. They want to set an example of hospitality and generosity, so they host discipleship trainings in their home and buy supplies for young mothers. Jeremiah said, "When you open your heart, you open the door. There are people who abuse that or use you." However, he said, there are people who see a difference in you. Jeremiah said people noticed his dedication when he returned to East Asia after his wife was sick for almost three years. Local

believers saw that the Farmers—supported by gifts through the Cooperative Program—would stay for as long as the Lord was calling them there.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Two guys are walking through the woods and come across this big deep hole. "Wow...that looks deep." "Sure does... toss a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is." They pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait... no noise. "Jeeez. That is REALLY deep... here.. throw one of these great big rocks down there. Those should make a noise." They pick up a couple football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait... and wait. Nothing. They look at each other in amazement. One gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey...over here in the weeds, there's a railroad tie. Help me carry it over here. When we toss THAT sucker in, it's GOTTA make some noise." The two drag the heavy tie over to the hole and heave it in. Not a sound comes from the hole. Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appears, running like the wind. It rushes toward the two men, then right past them, running as fast as its legs will carry it. Suddenly it leaps in the air and into the hole. The two men are astonished with what they've just seen... Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the men and ambles over. "Hey... you two guys seen my goat out here?" "You bet we did! Craziest thing I ever saw. It came running like crazy and just jumped into this hole!" "Nah", says the farmer, "That couldn't have been MY goat. My goat was chained to a railroad tie."