

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- **BCNY Women's Conference** April 1, 2017 at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 4631 Lakeville Rd, Geneseo, NY 14454 from 8:30 Am – 1:00 PM, followed by a free showing of the movie “The Insanity of God” – a true story of faith and persecution. Guest speaker is Lorna Bius, NAMB SEND Relief Missionary. \$20 registration fee due by March 29 includes workshops, materials, and lunch. For more information contact Cathy Meyer at 315-436-5051 or cmeyer@bcnysbc.org.
- **The International Learning Center in Syracuse** is a new initiative for teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) begun by the Baptist Convention of New York. There is an immense need for English language training for both adults and children because Syracuse is a refugee resettlement. ILC Syracuse is for adult learners of English, who will be able to attend twice-weekly classes in order to learn English skills in speaking, reading, and writing. English classes are supplemented with a Reading Club, which reinforces reading practice using weekly Bible stories. English classes can be taught by any trained, fluent English speaker and Reading Club will be taught by local ministry leaders, all of whom will be able to connect students to churches and Bible studies as they come to faith. As ILC Syracuse expands, we will be seeking God about adding other services, such as ESL in the Workplace or US Citizenship Preparation Classes. The mission of ILC Syracuse is to make train and disciples, by sharing Christ's love through meeting the need of learning a new language and culture, and teaching Bible stories, trusting that the Holy Spirit will bring understanding to those who listen. If you would like more information about becoming an English teacher or Reading Club teacher, or serving in another way, please contact Kate Bartholomew at ilckateb@gmail.com.
- **Prayer requests from Kate Bartholomew and the International Learning Center** in Syracuse include: (1) Connecting well with the elementary school parents, (2) Teamwork and focus of the leaders and volunteers as we all come together doing something new! (3) Launching classes in September, and (4) balancing of life and ministry for Kate and her husband, Devon, with the arrival of their first child next month.
- **From the newsletter of Pastor Phil Huber @ Inlet Community Church:**

Every schoolchild knows that each snow flake is unique, a one-of-a-kind design. It is a mini-sculpture, not generically stamped on an assembly line, but handcrafted. These knee deep piles of snow are composed of innumerable

uniquely designed flakes. Even the most ardent art appreciator can't possibly take in the beauty that is buried in those piles – least of all while they are trying to dig out their car. Too much of a good thing. Most of those masterpieces are never appreciated. A snow storm points to God in his most massive power and his most intimate concern. He knows us like he knows each flake, molds us like he molds those crystalline sculptures. And he rules our lives like he rules the storm, flinging bits of his blessing like he flings these squalls across the Northeast.

- On Monday evening past I was privileged to be part of the Norwich Project Team meeting, which met in Syracuse. This was just before snow-mageddon, so I got home safely on dry roads.
- Tuesday past was an office day. Boy was I glad my office is at the house! It snowed all day and into the night. In fact it was still snowing on Wednesday morning. All was quiet and peaceful so I got a lot done.
- On Wednesday afternoon I fired up the tractor and began to dig out. I can't decide how much snow we got since there was what the Bible calls a vehement east wind and most of the snow was in drifts. I couldn't decide where to measure.
- On Thursday evening past we had our weekly **Open Bible, Catatonk** fellowship meal and Bible study. I was concerned about whether we would have anybody because everybody was digging out. I needed not worry. We had 26 for Bible study, which is a continuing look at discipleship. This week we looked at how to study the Bible using an inductive Bible study method. I have posted the outline on our CNYBA web site under the Information Center/Bible study helps tab.
- On Saturday past Steve Sallis, our CNYBA Moderator and BCNY Church Strengthening staff person, led a Sunday School Training for Nepali churches. All three of our CNYBA Nepali churches were presented. A Nepali church in Rochester and a Nepali church in Buffalo were also represented. Thank you Bro. Steve.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **River of Joy, Syracuse**, where Yong Mun Rhee has been Pastor since the church began in October 2002.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. We were pleased to have Steve Sallis, our CNYBA moderator (among other things), visit our worship service.

News From the Churches

- **Open Bible, Catatonk** Among our spring and summer outreach events will be a presence at the Flea Fix on Route 96 in July, a block party, Vacation Bible School, beginning of a weekly kids' club of some kind, follow-up on those who attend other events, visitation in the homes of prospects, continued saturation of our immediate area (5 mile radius) with the gospel using Charles Brock's "Good News for You" book, and the encouragement of our "regulars" to invite and bring folks from their sphere of influence to our services. Ed Hart is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a corned beef and cabbage dinner after services yesterday. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **Iglesia Bautista Transformacion, Syracuse** have seen 14 people make professions of faith in Christ in the past three months and have 9 awaiting baptism in April – likely on Good Friday. To God be the glory! Pedro Abreu is Pastor.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – BD Roger Best (former Pastor @ Inlet CC)
- Thurs – BD Cindy Schallmo (PW @ Summit, Cazenovia)

Missionary Moments

- [Minnesota] STEVE MELVIN saw the value of church planting at a young age as his parents participated in starting a new church as lay leaders in rural Iowa. As a state director of missions, Steve works with five church planting catalysts to help start new churches in the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota. The two states have a population of 11 million people and only 182 Southern Baptist churches. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help Steve to encourage, train and coach new church planters as they plant the gospel in two of the least-reached states in North America. Ask God to send more church planters to Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- [Central Asia] Before IMB missionaries JUDE and LEANNE* moved overseas, they asked the Father for friends for their boys, DAVIS and LANDRY. When they settled in Central Asia, they all went to a play-ground on an icy February day. There they met a wheelchair-bound younger boy named Adam. After introducing themselves, the boys started playing ball together. Leanne was able to meet Adam's mother, and now both families visit each other, share meals and meet on the playground. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program allowed these workers to meet Adam's family. Thank the Father for this great gift of friendship, and ask that this family would come to believe the gospel.

Have You Heard This One?

- Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother. The first said, "I built a big house for our mother." The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver." The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat. Remember how mom enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well. I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it." Soon thereafter, mom sent a letter to each son. "Milton," she wrote one son, "the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house." "Gerald," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!" "Dearest Donald," she wrote to her third son, "you have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."