

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- What happened? When I let the boys out Friday morning, it was snowing! Come on Spring, you can do it. Don't give up now. You're almost here.
- I have posted a missionary update report from Rick Martin, our missionary to Peru. You can find it on our CNYBA web site under the Information Center/Missionary Reports.
- On Saturday evening past Lyn and I attended the Wild Game Dinner at **Grace, Rome**. We enjoyed the fellowship and the food, and even came away with a couple of items from the give-away table during the drawing of names. Trent Williams is Pastor.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Inlet CC**, where Phil Huber has been pastor since May 2013. I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Phil, who is leading a mission trip to work on an orphanage in Mexico.
- Yesterday afternoon Lyn and I attended the ordination and installation service for Minister of Youth, Brandon Swain, at **Lakeshore, Cicero**, where I was honored to bring a brief message. Brandon is a former student from my days as an adjunct professor of missions and ministry at Davis College.
- Last night Lyn and I got home just in time to worship with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Because of the tightness of the schedule, I had asked Lary Hyde to preach in case I was late arriving. He did a wonderful job with a message about the events of Holy Week leading up to Easter.

News From the Churches

- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will offer four services on Easter week-end – Saturday at 5 PM and Sunday at 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 AM. > They will offer a four week Saturday evening class called “Fresh Start” for folks who are just starting a relationship with Jesus or just retuning to church, beginning May 6. It will provide a safe environment to learn more about one's faith, ask questions, and meet others on the journey! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.

- **Northside, Liverpool** had a business meeting at 6:30 PM followed by a licensing service for Pastor Joel Herbert, their new Worship Pastor. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor
- **Summit, Cazenovia** will have a special presentation of the “Light of the World Ballet” during their worship service on Easter. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **The Shelter Church, Scranton** has changed it’s name to **Scranton Nepali Church**. Bhim Rai is Church Planter/Pastor.

This Week in Preview

- Tues – CNYBA Leadership Team Meeting
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible Study
- Fri – BD Lisa Arnold (PW @ Southport, Elmira)
- Sun - EASTER

Missionary Moments

- [Eurasia] CLINT STEWART saw God use movies to pursue a young man from a Muslim background in Russia. Clint and his family, with Campus Crusade for Christ and support through the Cooperative Program, host movie nights for young people to have fun, practice English and hear the gospel. A young Muslim man, Ildar, came to every movie night for months. When Ildar began considering the gospel, his mother was upset with him. Eventually, she also decided to explore the good news because she knew her son had good judgment. Pray for Ildar and others like him who will hear the gospel through movie nights.
- [Puerto Rico] Born and raised in Puerto Rico, CARLOS RODRIGUEZ has a passion to reach the territory for Christ. As the national church planting catalyst for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Carlos mobilizes churches in the two territories to share the gospel and to gather those who have responded into new churches. More than 3.7 million people live in Puerto Rico. The territory has one Southern Baptist church for every 55,000 people. Your gifts given through the Cooperative Program help Carlos train and encourage church planters whom God calls to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Pray that God will raise up more indigenous leaders for the two territories.

Have You Heard This One?

- Two old men had been best friends for years, and they both live to their early 90's, when one of them suddenly falls deathly ill. His friend comes to visit him on his deathbed, and they're reminiscing about their long friendship, when the dying man's friend asks, "Listen, when you die, do me a favor. I want to know if there's

baseball in heaven." The dying man said, "We've been friends for years, this I'll do for you." And then he dies. A couple days later, his surviving friend is sleeping when he hears his friend's voice. The voice says, "I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there's baseball in heaven." "What's the bad news?" "The bad news is that you're pitching on Wednesday