

Hart Beat

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

28 May 2017

Hart to Heart

- Happy birthday to my wife, Lyn, whose birthday was yesterday. My birthday gift to her was a promise to look into trading our travel trailer for a fifth wheel.
- This coming Thursday, June 1, will mark 21 years that I have been serving as a Director of Missions here in upstate New York. It will also mark 1 year since we started Sunday evening worship services at **Open Bible, Catatonk**.
- This week I sent a prayer sheet to each of our pastors to be used in a Week of Prayer for Associational Missions. I have also posted it on the CNYBA web site under the Information Center tab/ CNYBA Week of Prayer Bulletin Inserts. The Knapton Associational Mission Offering associated with the Week of Prayer will go toward CNYBA Re-planting efforts.
- Before going to Arkansas for a sibling reunion, I saw my retina doctor. He said all was good with my retina, but thought I should see a glaucoma specialist. I will see him on June 26th. As you probably know by now, I am battling diabetes and its accompanying side effects. I would appreciate your prayers.
- On Thursday evening past, we were privileged to hear Bill Barker at **Open Bible, Catatonk**. Bill is a national NAMB missionary who is Director of Appalachian Regional Ministries and the Mississippi River Ministries. He was on a sort of tour of New York, speaking at **Emmanuel, Cortland** last Sunday and then looking at other ministry opportunities on the northern end of the Appalachian region. He told us about his work and in doing so, challenged us and caused us to begin thinking about how we could engage our culture with ministry.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** in their morning worship service, where Sam Macri has been Pastor since October 1990.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor.
- Today Lyn and I will celebrate her birthday and Memorial Day with a group of “older friends”, beginning with lunch and then dominoes. We might be the “youngsters” at the party.

News From the Churches

- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** reports 5 professions of faith, 22 involved in Small group/Bible study, and 48 average in their worship gatherings, this past month. They have begun a specific prayer plan for reaching out to the 5 Strip Clubs around their church building. They will soon begin to reach out to the ladies working in these clubs. They partnered with at least 7 other churches for their Annual Easter Outreach in which the Gospel was shared with almost 300 people. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** reports two new members – one by statement and one by profession of faith and baptism. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will hold the first of their monthly summer services at Round Top Park (Pavilion #5) on June 4th, followed by a fellowship meal. Their second Saturday visitation will be on June 10th and they will observe the Lord's Supper during the morning worship service on June 14th. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** has called Justin (Pep) Pepicelli to be their Associate Pastor. He will start next week. Bill Lower is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will have VBS on July 10th -13th. Twelve Crosspoint ladies attended the Women's Retreat at Word of Life in Schroon Lake May 19th-21st. Last night they hosted a Memorial Weekend Party for grades 6-12. Sam Macri is Pastor.

This Week in Preview

- 28th BD Lyn Hart (wife of DOM)
- 28th BD Robyn Hart (daughter of DOM)
- 29th BD David Kreydatus (Pastor @ Eternal Life, Auburn)
- 30th BD Ariel Ruiz (Pastor @ Nueva Esperanza, Syracuse)
- 30th OBF Leadership Team
- 31st BD Francis DeGarmo (W of late P @ Jefferson BC)
- 1st Open Bible, Catatonk Bible study
- 3rd BD Jessica Ford (PW @ Lyons Falls BC)

June Ministry Anniversaries

- Duane Arnold – Pastor at Southport, Elmira since June 1996
- Ed Hart - DOM since June 1996
- Tim Bissell – Church Planting Catalyst since June 2004

- Zach Neyhard – Pastor @ Outpouring, Oswego since June 2007
- David Kreydatus – Pastor @ Eternal Life, Auburn since June 2008
- Charles Matthews – Pastor @ Church Street, Elmira since June 2010

Missionary Moments

- [ALASKA] Born in South Korea, STEVE KIM moved to Latin America when he was 2 years old. He came to faith in Jesus through the ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. Called to reach Hispanics and Latinos for Christ, he has planted the only Hispanic Baptist church among the 35,000 Hispanics in Anchorage, Alaska. Many Hispanics in Anchorage work on Sundays and struggle to come to church faithfully. Thanks to your church's commitment to give to North American missions through the Cooperative Program, Steve can provide a gospel witness in a community in desperate need of new churches. Pray for Sunset Hills Hispanic Baptist Church to grow numerically and spiritually.
- [South Asia] Two students in an English class listened intently as a Christian volunteer shared the story of how Jesus forgave a paralyzed man of his sins and healed him. As the volunteer continued, the students were so immersed in the Bible stories they skipped their next computer session. At the end of the stories, the students said they wanted this forgiveness and cleansing, too. They prayed to receive Christ into their lives. Each week, 15 to 30 young migrant workers come to these English classes. Pray God will use Christian volunteers, who are supported through the Cooperative Program, to reach more students with good news through these English classes.

Have You Heard This One?

What do you get when an earthquake strikes a cow pasture? A milkshake.