

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Well, it finally happened. Tom Madison, Worship Pastor @ **Northstar, Clifton Park**, married Rebecca Matthews on June 3. Congratulations and God's speed.
- On Monday past I spent the better part of the day at Strong Hospital in Rochester, where Pastor James Young (**Gethsemane, Syracuse**) was having exploratory surgery for a swelling in his lower spine that was causing many other issues. I was able to visit with his wife, Juanita, while he was in surgery, which was quite lengthy because the doctors were trying to find what they saw on the MRI. However, they could not find anything. Pastor Young came into the hospital by ambulance on a stretcher, but walked out. He and we are praising the Lord.
- On Thursday past I officiated the funeral of Mike Bish, a neighbor of one of our Open Bible Fellowship folks. Next week I'll baptize Danielle Ingraham, who came forward in the service last Sunday. And I have a wedding to do in August. Lyn commented that I'm back in the pastoral role I've been out of for 20 year. I told her it's like riding a bicycle – it come back to you pretty quickly.
- On Friday past I had a great time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor Ronnie Wyatt. I was at his place to pick up the block party trailer. I'm unloading, repairing, and reloading it this week. This is a great resource for our churches, but folks we have got to do a better job of taking care of it. When I reload it I will be writing up (and posting on the inside of the side door) specific instructions on how to reload the trailer.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Eternal Life, Auburn**. Where David Kreydatus has been pastor since June 2008. Pastor David and his wife, Lori, just returned from a trip to Oklahoma, where they attended the military boot camp graduation of one of their sons.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatunk** were I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – BD Kim Speed (PW @ Christ is King, Syracuse)
- Wed – FLAG DAY

- Thurs – ANV Roger & Doris Best (P&W Emeritus @ Inlet CC)

Bible Quiz – answer next week

Who asked God to make the sun stand still?

- A. Joshua
- B. Moses
- C. Caleb
- D. Samson

Missionary Moments

- [Montana] ED SMITH's assignment is to start new churches in eastern Montana. Though the size of Maine, the region has only 85,000 people. Most of the pastors are bi-vocational since the churches typically average only 30 to 60 attenders. One significant challenge in starting new churches in the region is finding church planters who have the skills to work on the region's ranches, which provide most of the jobs. Ed is grateful for your gifts through the Cooperative Program and asks you to pray for God to guide him as he works in these small ranching communities. He also asks you to pray for the pastors who serve the region.
- [Eurasia] Christian worker MATT FONTENOT met a man outside a tattoo parlor who displayed his new tattoo for him. Matt showed him a small water drop tattoo and told Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The man told Matt he reads the Bible every day. His father and grandfather were pastors, but he went a different way. He and Matt made a plan to continue talking about the gospel. "He's one of those guys you would discount immediately because of his looks," Matt said. "But who knows? He could be the next church planter." Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help Matt and others reach people of all backgrounds in Eurasia.

Have You Heard This One?

- An art connoisseur passed a little grocery in New York when he noticed a kitten on the front step lapping up some milk in a bowl. The cat was mangy with one ear half chewed off and clumps of fur missing. What really caught the collector's eye was the bowl the kitten was drinking from. It was a rare antique worth thousands. He walks in the store and offers \$20.00 for the cat. "He's not for sale," says the store owner. "That's ridiculous!" says the collector. "He is one of the ugliest cats I've seen. He must be for sale. I'll give you \$100.00 for him." The store owner thought for a second and said "It's a deal." The connoisseur hands the store owner the money, which he quickly pockets, and as he starts out the store asks "For that price I'm sure you won't mind sending that old bowl with him. He seems so happy drinking from it." The store owner says "No way. That's my lucky bowl. From that bowl I've sold 26 cats this week!"