

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- We got word this week that David Warmack, Lyn's nephew who has been battling cancer, has gone home to be with the Lord. This feels more like losing a brother to Lyn, since they grew up together as kids, even living in the same house for several years. We plan to attend the memorial service this coming Friday in Paw Paw, Michigan. While we are there we will also visit with Lyn's cousin, with whom she is very close, who will be having another cornea in August.
- There may not be a HART BEAT report next week. It will depend on where we are and what internet access we have there.
- Word came this past week that David Kreydatus has resigned at **Eternal Life, Auburn**, effective immediately. I enlisted David Barrows to preach for them yesterday and I met with the remaining leadership on Sunday afternoon (yesterday) and will continue working with them to re-plant this church. They have invited Dave Barrows to serve as interim pastor for the foreseeable future. Join me in praying for the revitalization of this congregation.
- Well, the inevitable happened! For the first time ever (I think) I booked myself to preach in two different churches on the same Sunday morning. I'm blaming it on losing my phone and not getting all my calendar info back from the cloud. More likely, it was due to my not putting one of the appointments in my calendar. I was fortunate that the pastor of the undocumented appoint read my newsletter last week and caught the error. Both pastors were very gracious and I was allowed to send a substitute to stand in for me at one of the churches. Thanks to Lary Hyde for "saving my bacon" on short notice.
- Yesterday morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Summit, Cazenovia**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Dan Schallmo, who has been pastor @ Summit since May 2005.
- Yesterday afternoon Lyn and I drove over to Auburn to meet with the leadership at **Eternal Life BC**. I do not believe God is pleased when churches close, so I will do everything in my power to keep that from happening.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where I am serving as church planter/pastor. After church we enjoyed a great time of after church fellowship with a good number of the folks at a local pizza place.

News From the Churches

- **Living Water, Owego** will have VBS this week – Monday through Wednesday. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor
- In previous newsletters I have mention two of our churches who went to Maine this summer to help construct a new worship center. The church was Beans Corner Baptist Church in Jay, Maine. A group of 9 from **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** went as part of the framing and roofing group and a group of 9 from **West Hill, Ithaca** went as part of the insulation, sheet rock and siding group. Altogether about 100 were a part of the Builders for Christ ministry that helped this growing congregation have a new sanctuary.

This Week in Preview

- Wed – BD Mary Knapton (PW @ Clyde BC)

Bible Quiz – answer from last week

- Who said to Jesus the following words? `Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.`
Answer: Martha **See:** Luke 10:40

Bible Quiz – question for this week

- **What did the 3000 who had heard the gospel message on the day of Pentecost do after being baptized?**
A. Remained steadfast in prayer
B. Broke bread together
C. All of these things
D. Continued in the apostles` teaching

Missionary Moments

- [Kansas] BRAD SIMMONS discovers, develops and deploys church planters to reach Wichita, Kan., and significant parts of central and southern Kansas. He often must travel miles of farm and pasture land to meet with church planters and look for new opportunities to plant churches. Many of the people in these small towns are far from God and need to discover the life-changing message of the gospel. Brad thanks you for your Cooperative Program gifts and asks you to pray that God would help him discover new church planters for the region. Also, pray that God would connect those new church planters to supportive sending churches.

- [South Asia] An IMB worker, his pastor friend and the pastor's wife went to a park for a walk. The wife shared the gospel with a woman, who said she wanted to accept Christ. As they prayed, the woman's husband shouted, "You are saying bad things about our gods and changing my wife's religion!" He began beating the pastor while a crowd gathered. Then, a man told the crowd that nothing bad was shared about any religion, only good things about God's forgiveness. He asked the pastor to share everything his wife had said with them. Due to support through the Cooperative Program, a walk in the park led to more than 30 people hearing the gospel.

Have You Heard This One?

A young woman boarded a plane in Los Angeles heading toward New York. The young woman was tired. She knew it would be a long flight, so immediately she asked the flight attendant for a pillow and a blanket. She hoped to be able to sleep most of the way to New York.

Her head had just nestled into the pillow when an obnoxious man with a loud, booming voice boarded the plane... and sat down beside her. He tapped her on the shoulder and said, "Hi there. It's going to be a long flight, so to pass the time, would you like to play a fun game?" Politely, she declined and rolled over toward the window to take a nap. However, the obnoxious man persisted saying the game is really easy and lots of fun. He explained how the game works: "I ask you a question and if you don't know the answer, you pay me, and visa-versa." Again, she politely declined and settled into her pillow. The chauvinistic man figured that since she was a young woman (and blonde at that) he would easily win the match, so arrogantly he made another offer. "Okay, how about this? If you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5.00, but if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00." This caught the young woman's attention and she figured that there would be no end to this moment unless she played, so finally she agreed to play the game.

The man asked the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The young woman didn't say a word. She just reached into her purse, pulled out a five-dollar bill and handed it to the man. "O.K., O.K," the man said. "Now it's your turn. Ask me a question, any question." She said, "What goes up the hill with three legs and comes down with four?" The man looked at her with a puzzled expression. But then he grabbed his laptop computer and searched all his references. No luck! Next, he tapped into the Airphone with his modem and searched the net, and even the Library of Congress. No luck! Frustrated, he sends E-mails to all his co-workers and friends. All to no avail. After an hour or more of searching for the answer he finally gave up... he tapped the young woman on the shoulder to wake her up... and he handed her the \$500.00. Politely, she took the money, put it in her purse and turned away and nestled back into her pillow.

"Wait a minute," said the man. "What is the answer?" Again, without a word, the young woman reached into her purse, handed him \$5.00, and went back to sleep!