

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- We're back from the 2017 CNYBA Associational Mission Trip to Alaska. Much work was accomplished and I am proud of each and every member of our team. Begin praying now for our 2018 Associational Mission Trip.
- I came home from the Alaskan mission trip late Tuesday with a major head cold, so I have been sort of sluggish the last few days. With Bible study on Thursday, preaching twice on Sunday, preparation for both, a wedding rehearsal on Friday afternoon, and a wedding on Saturday (followed by pictures and a reception), when I got home Sunday night I was exhausted. I went to bed and slept 12 hours.
- I'm feeling much better today, just sort of low on energy. I was able to get the yard mowed before it rains and take my car to the shop for an oil change and some minor repair. This newsletter and some office work will get me back in the recliner in a couple of hours. I Look forward to a productive day tomorrow as I start on Bible Study and Sermon prep for this week.
- We are nearing the end of summer. May we redouble our efforts during these closing days of summer so we will not hear **Jeremiah 8:20 (NLT)** "The harvest is finished, and the summer is gone," the people cry, "yet we are not saved!"
- **Stamford BC** baptized one yesterday. Waylen Bray is Pastor
- **Transformacion, Syracuse** has seen 27 professions of faith, 12 baptisms, and 3 new missional life groups during gthe past six months. Pedro Abreu is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** rejoices in the news from Youth Pastor, Jeff Harrison, that nine students were baptized at their summer you camp yesterday. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor
- **Grace, Rome** and **Lakeshore, Cicero** are having VBS this week. Trent Williams is Pastor at Grace and Mike McMahan is Pastor at Lakeshore.
- The **International Learning Center, Syracuse** in preparing for a Fall launch. English classes are scheduled to begin on October 2nd. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Seymour

Elementary School. The budget of CNYBA is supporting ILC Syracuse. Kate Bartholmew is Director.

- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will hold their Sunday morning service next Sunday (August 13th) at Round Top Park. A dish-to-pass fellowship meal will follow the service. They will observe the Lord's Supper during their Sunday morning service on August 20th. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- On Sunday morning past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **West Hill, Ithaca**, where Bill Lower has been Pastor since April 2007. I was privileged to kick-off their August Missions emphasis with a presentation about Missions in SBC Life. This is a power point presentation I developed to use in our CNYBA churches that gives a visual picture of how the various aspects of missions giving work together. After church we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor Bill and his wife, Chris.
- On Sunday evening Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where I am serving as church planter/Pastor.

August Ministry Anniversaries

- John DePugh – Pastor @ Newark BC since August 1994
- Jeff O'Brien – AP @ Northside, Liverpool since August 1994
- Milt Kornegay – Pastor @ Central, Syracuse since August 1996
- John Talada – Pastor @ Good News, Waverly since August 2009
- Greg Johnson – Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott since August 2011

This Week in Preview

- Yesterday – BD Ronnie Wyatt (Pastor @ The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse)
- Yesterday – BD Karl Novak (former Pastor @ Lakeshore, Cicero)
- Yesterday – ANV Bruce & Kathy Aubrey (P&W @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Tues – BD John Talada (Pastor @ Good News, Waverly)
- Wed – ANV Dave & Vickie Barrows (Interim P&W @ Eternal Life, Auburn)
- Thurs – BD Duane Arnold (Pastor @ Southport, Elmira)
- Thurs – ANV Matt & Kristen Hallenbeck (P&W @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)

Missionary Moments

- [South Asia] Christian worker HEATH* and GARY*, a visiting volunteer, were prayer-walking in a park. Gary asked why they sat to pray instead of telling every person about Jesus. Heath said they were asking God to show them where He was at work. "The Holy Spirit goes wherever it wants—like the wind," Heath said. Suddenly, a strong wind blew across the park. Then, a Muslim man came and

told them that he had a Jesus tract and read it every night. He wanted to know more. Amazed, the men shared the gospel with him. Pray your gifts through the Cooperative Program help workers continue sharing as God's Spirit is, indeed, blowing across South Asia.

- [New Jersey] With only 2,100 people attending 37 Southern Baptist churches in the state of New Jersey, SAMUEL RODRIQUEZ has a vast mission field to reach with the good news of Jesus. As a church planting catalyst and regional leader, Samuel discovers, develops and deploys church planters to spread the gospel in the state. He has a passion to teach others to make disciples who make disciples. Samuel thanks you for Cooperative Program gifts and ask you to pray that the Lord will bring more church planters to New Jersey. Also, pray that God would begin a church planting movement within New Jersey.

Have You Heard This One?

- A farmer and his recently hired hand were eating an early breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon and coffee that the farmer's wife had prepared for them. Thinking of all the work they had to get done that day, the farmer told the hired man he might as well go ahead and eat his lunch too. The hired man didn't say a word, but filled his plate a second time and proceeded to eat. After a while the farmer said, "We've got so much work to do today, you might as well eat your supper now too." Again, the hired man didn't respond but refilled his plate a third time and continued to eat. Finally, after eating his third plate of food, the hired man pushed back his chair and began to take off his shoes. "What are you doing?" the farmer asked. The hired man replied, "I don't work after supper."