

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### **Hart to Heart**

- We should continue to pray for the victims of the hurricanes and the volunteers who are mobilizing to help them. A group of 11 related to CNYBA churches will be going down to Florida this week to help man the Pennsylvania/South Jersey Convention's mobile field kitchen. We will be joined by a couple of people from the Buffalo area and a couple of friends from Virginia. I'm sure we'll be posting on Face Book.
- Plans now are for us to be "away from home" for about two weeks, so there may not be weekly newsletters again until later this month.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** has agreed to terms for the purchase of the church building where they used to meet on Thompson Road from the New York Ministry Network (Assemblies of God). This fall they will enter a Capital Campaign to raise the needed funds to make the agreement work. Pastor Dan Schallmo's daughter and son-in-law have joined the Summit team. Jay Cagle is Creative Ministry Director and temporary Music Director.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** saved enough money over the summer to carpet the floor of the sanctuary in their newly purchased building this week. Before the current floor gets covered up though, they asked congregants to write (in faith!) the names of people in they're praying will come to know Christ at Northstar or a verse of Scripture they're claiming in faith. The "signings" took place at the end of every service this past weekend! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** has kicked off a new semester of GreifShare - the journey from mourning to joy And last Thursday (September 7) was the Northside Student Ministry Fall Kickoff! A couple of men from Northside took a truck load of supplies from the Syracuse area to Sagemont Church in Houston. They have also sent a team down to help support the relief staff at the Sagemont Church. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- Yesterday morning I worshiped with the good folks at **Living Water, Owego**. Lyn was at home taking meds trying to get well enough to head to Florida with the disaster relief team this week.
- Sunday night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Through some most unusual circumstances we were privileged to have Doug Pilot and his wife in the

service. Doug is the Director of Missions for Conemaugh Valley Baptist Association down in Pennsylvania. This morning he accidentally found out we were here and that we were having services on Sunday night. We truly live in a small world. Before her passing away from cancer, Doug was married to a girl with whom Lyn and I went to college way back in the early 1960s.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Mon – BD Sue Fallon (PW @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- Tues – BD Christina Lower (PW @ West Hill, Ithaca)
- Thurs – ANV Jim & Pam Hundley (P&W @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- Fri – BD Tim Bissell (NAMB Church Planting Catalyst for CNYBA)

### **Missionary Moments**

- [Colorado] JERICO DEVEYRA's great-grandparents were exposed to the gospel when the first American missionaries came to the Philippines 117 years ago. He returned the favor when he came to Colorado Springs, Colo., as a church planting missionary in 2000. Today Jerico helps discover church planters who start intergenerational, ethnic and multi-ethnic churches that can help reach the city of Denver. With more than 150 different languages spoken in the city, Denver needs churches that can communicate the gospel among its diverse people. Your gifts given through the Cooperative Program help Jerico coach new church planters. Pray for God to bring new church planters to the city.
- [Deaf] Abhay, a deaf man and a Hindu, left his home in South Asia to study at Gallaudet University in the U.S. He became friends with deaf American Christians who tried to share their faith with him. Abhay rebuffed their efforts and eventually returned to South Asia as a committed Hindu. Then he met and became friends with a deaf American man named DANNY\*, a Christian worker serving the Deaf in South Asia. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program helped Danny learn how to share Bible stories in Abhay's own sign language. Danny used this training to communicate the gospel to him, and Abhay chose to give his life to Christ and leave his Hindu beliefs.

### **Have You Heard This One?**

- In the supermarket a man was pushing a cart which contained a screaming, bellowing baby. The gentleman kept repeating softly, "Don't get excited, Albert; don't scream, Albert; don't yell, Albert; keep calm, Albert." A woman standing next to him said, "You certainly are to be commended for trying to soothe your son." The man looked at her and said, "I'm Albert."