

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### **Hart to Heart**

- As you probably know, we support John Smith in St. Croix, Virgin Islands in our CNYBA budget. I just now was finally able to contact him and they need a generator BADLY. The authorities are saying that they will probably be without power for 6 months to a year. I will ask our Leadership team about using some CNYBA funds to get a generator to him. If you, or your church, would like to help with this project, send contributions to CNYBA % Amy Dunham, 103 Southside Dr, Suite 8, Owego, NY 13827 ASAP marked clearly for VI Generator.
- If you did not get a HART BEAT report last week, it's because I didn't get one out. I did get one call asking "where's the joke?" After working 10 to 12 hours in the disaster relief kitchen in 100+ degree heat, I was just too tuckered to do a newsletter last week. We arrived home late yesterday afternoon, a day shy of two weeks from when we left, just in time to be able to attend the services at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where Pastor Bill Lower (**West Hill, Ithaca**) preached in my place.
- If you have followed me on Face Book, you know that we had a little truck and trailer issues, and a little health scare, on this disaster relief trip. We drove all the last day without A/C and at the last fuel stop Lyn was in distress from the heat. The police at the fuel stop called an ambulance and they took her to the hospital. She spent the night while they checked everything from her heart to her lungs. Everything was OK. They determined that she was dehydrated and probably had close to a heat stroke. As soon as she got some fluids and some AC she perked right up. I put the truck in the shop and they replaced the AC compressor and a couple other related items. I also asked them to look at the brakes because I was hearing some noises when I was rolling with the windows down. They replaced all the rotors, calipers, pads, and a couple other related items. I guess at 197,000 miles you should expect problems, especially in extreme conditions.
- On the way home we had a problem with the turbo charger booster. We could only go about 60 mph, especially through the mountains, without the truck overheating. Back to the shop this week. I had given some thought to trading, but now I need to go to at least 300,000 miles to recoup the cost of repairs.
- By the way, of the 39 volunteers that served in the kitchen while we were there, 13 were in our group. And only 4 of our group came from outside CNYBA territory. I cannot tell you how proud I am of our CNYBA volunteers. I'm working to see if we can get some more official training in Disaster Relief in CNYBA ASAP.

- As you may know, we are helping support church planter/pastor John Smith in St. Croix, VI, where we took a CNYBA missions team last December. Stay tuned. As soon as possible I would like to organize a CNYBA team to go to St. Croix again – this time to do disaster relief. Right now we can't get on the island, but when we can I hope several of you will join me in a team to go down and help. In the meantime, I am exploring the possibility of sending Pastor John and his family a generator. More later.
- As you may already know, I have been praying about doing our next CNYBA mission trip to somewhere in Appalachia. While in Florida, our friends from VA who joined our CNYBA team told me about a ministry center operated by the East River Baptist Association in Bland, VA. On the way home from Florida, Lyn and I went by to visit the ministry center and its director. There is more than enough opportunity there to merit a mission trip. One of their greatest needs is teams to do construction – wheel chair ramps, roofs, porches, etc. In addition they have a tremendous clothing ministry, food distribution ministry, dental clinic, and nursing home ministry. One of the possibilities the director mentioned was taking VBS into the nursing home. I'm waiting now on a date that is open. So pray about going with us to Appalachia sometime next year.
- Don't forget! – Our CYBA Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 21 at **Summit, Cazenovia**. As is our custom, the annual meeting usually has a missions theme. This year, instead of having a foreign missionary speaker, I would like to hear reports from our churches about their most recent missions trip. I know about some of them, and will be contacting those churches, but I'm sure I am not aware of them all. If you, or your church, have been on a mission trip lately, we'd like to hear a report at the annual meeting. So contact me so we can get you on the program.
- **Northside, Liverpool** will host a women's conference with Kelly Minter live on Friday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> (7-9 PM) and Saturday morning, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> (8:30 AM – 12:30 PM). The cost is \$30 individual and group rate .... \$25 student and \$35 at the door (if not sold out). Tickets may be purchased at <https://northside.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/57669> . Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will take Sunday School children and their parents to visit Farmland Animal Park in Chemung on October 7<sup>th</sup>. On October 21<sup>st</sup> they will have a Chili Cook-off in conjunction with their family night activities. They report one profession of faith in September. They will have a Card Shower on October 8<sup>th</sup> to show appreciation for Pastor Gary Culver during Pastor Appreciation month.

- **Fellowship, Norwich** thanks Pastor Ronnie Wyatt and **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** for letting them borrow their portable baptistery. Last night they baptized 2 adults in their first baptismal service at the Grange Hall, where they meet on Sunday evenings. Next Sunday night Pastor Rodney Kochmanski (**North Fenton BC**) will be leading their service in the absence of Pastor Harold Lefler.
- Pastor Phil Huber at **Inlet CC** has just posted his last update about his trip to Israel as a volunteer on an archaeological dig today on his blog. You can read I, along with the other ten posts he wrote along the way, at <http://aploddingpilgrimage.blogspot.com/> . The church is also rejoicing over one being baptized recently in an outdoor baptismal service.

### **Last Week in Review**

- Week of Prayer for BCNY Missions – Disaster Relief
- Wed – ANV Pedro & Ana Abreu (P&W @ Transformation, Syracuse)

### **This Week in Preview**

- BCNY Annual Meeting
- Mon – BD Connie Sibrava (PW @ Living Water, Owego)
- Thurs – BD Terry Robertson (Exec. Director @ BCNY)
- Sun (Oct 1) – BD James Young (Pastor @ Gethsemane, Syracuse)

### **Missionary Moments**

- [Washington] Born into a family of a church planter, PHIL PETERS learned about missions as a child. When he was 9 years old, Phil and his family moved from Missouri to Washington to plant Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pullman, Wash. Today, as a church planting catalyst in western Washington, he helps start churches in the western part of the state. With 1 million people and 12,000 square miles, Phil is reaching the suburban and rural communities of the Olympic Peninsula and southwest Washington. Phil thanks you for your gifts given through the Cooperative Program and asks you to pray for the many small communities in the region that need new churches.
- [Central Asia] FARISHTA\* wanted to show Christian worker MARCIE\* how to perform the Islamic prayer ritual, namaz. Marcie told Farishta it wasn't necessary and pointed to her teacup. "When I leave, will you wash the outside or the inside of this cup?" Marcie asked. Farishta indicated both. "If you don't wash the inside of the cup, will it still be dirty?" Marcie asked. Farishta agreed. Then the Holy Spirit prompted Marcie to share the story from [Luke 18:9-14](#) about God accepting the tax collector's humble prayer while ignoring the religious man's

prayer. Farishta had never heard this truth. Your support of workers through the Cooperative Program will help women like Farishta hear more truths.

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

- A police officer sees a man driving around with a pickup truck full of penguins. He pulls the guy over and says: "You can't drive around with penguins in this town! Take them to the zoo immediately." The guy says OK, and drives away. The next day, the officer sees the guy still driving around with the truck full of penguins, and they're all wearing sun glasses. He pulls the guy over and demands: "I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday?" The guy replies: "I did ... today I'm taking them to the beach!"