

## Hart Beat

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

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### Hart to Heart

- Summer seems to have come and gone. I guess we're headed for an early fall. Fall is my favorite season of the year. Wonder what the Lord has in store for us this fall?
- Today is Labor Day. I think that means we are supposed to celebrate labor. Not sure how grilling and picnicking does that, but I guess it's all in your perspective.
- Pastor Mike Brown (**Three Pines, Doraville**) spent a couple of days in the hospital this past week because of shortness of breath and light headedness. After a multitude of tests, including an angioplasty, doctors did not find anything amiss. PTL!
- As you, no doubt, are aware, Hurricane Harvey has wrecked havoc in Texas and Louisiana. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief has issued a national call out for help. It looks like BCNY disaster relief will be asked to relieve volunteers manning the Pennsylvania Disaster Relief field kitchen. I'm expecting the call sometime this next week or so. I already have a list of folks who have expressed interest. Even if you have not been through the training, we can train you on-the-job. If you would like to go down and help, get in touch with me ASAP.
- It is not too early to be marking your calendar for the CNYBA Annual Meeting. It will be held October 21 at 10 AM. Place to be announced soon.
- **Stamford BC** plans "Back-To-School" Sunday on September 17<sup>th</sup>. On October 1<sup>st</sup> they will hear Nancy Self, a speaker partnering with Grief Care Fellowship to bring encouragement and hope to those experiencing life's greatest tragedies. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- I have posted two updates from Rick and Donna Martin, our missionaries to Peru. You can read them at [www.cnyba.org](http://www.cnyba.org) under the Information Center tab/missionary reports. Look for 2017-9 and 2017-9a. They should be the two reports at the top of the list. Let's continue to pray for Rick and Donna and the work in Peru.
- Pastor Phil Huber (**Inlet CC**) is in Israel, on the shores of the sea of Galilee. For the next two weeks, he will be digging at Hippos Sussita site as part of an

archaeological excavation. You can follow his adventure at <http://aploddingpilgrimage.blogspot.co.il/>

- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will offer a four week Fresh Start class taught by Pastor Tom Madison that will meet at 6:30pm after the Saturday service starting on September 9! The class offers those just starting a relationship with Jesus or just returning to church, a safe environment to learn more about their faith, ask questions, and meet others on the journey! > On Sunday September 10th, Northstar Student Ministry (grades 6-12) will be having their Second Annual COLOR WAR! Students wear all white and will play a few classic rounds of capture the flag, sharks & minnows, etc. and eventually have an all-out Color War where students get to cover their friends and leaders in powder paint! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- Yesterday morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at Tioga Center Baptist Church, where at the invitation of some of our OBF folks, I taught a Sunday School lesson and preached. Pray for this church as they seek a new Pastor.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk** as usual, where I am serving at Church Planter/Pastor.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Sun – ANV Devon & Kate Bartholomew (P&W @ Baptist Campus Ministry, Syracuse)
- Mon – BD Jon Speed (Pastor @ Christ Is King, Syracuse)
- Wed – BD Rick Martin (our Missionary to Peru)
- Next Sun – BD Debbie O'Brien (APW @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Next Sun – BD Matt Hallenbeck (Pastor @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)

### **Missionary Moments**

- [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.

- [Maryland] ROLANDO and ZULMA CASTRO were lawyers in Costa Rica until 2003, before the Lord called them to plant churches in the United States. As part of the church multiplication team with the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, Rolando specifically ministers to and with Hispanic church planters. He identifies new church planters, assists them in the assessment process and supports them as they plant churches throughout Maryland and Delaware. Your gifts given through the Cooperative Program help Rolando travel to meet with church planters. Ask the Lord to give Rolando wisdom as he works with pastors and church planters to start a multiplication movement among non-English-speaking churches.

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

- Four retired ladies are playing bridge. One of them looks across at her partner and says, "I know we've been playing bridge every week for two years, but I can't remember your name. Could you please tell me again?" Her partner looks at her for a long moment and finally replies, "How soon do you need to know?"