

## Hart Beat

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

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### Hart to Heart

- Not much news to report, except that it is warming up. At least here at CNYBA headquarters, where it is 29 degrees on this Monday morning.
- Diane Brown (PW @ Three Pines, Doraville) is in the midst of a 12 months chemo treatment plan for breast cancer. Of course, there's sickness and fatigue that accompanies the weekly treatments. Please pray for her strength – both physical and emotional, as for her family as they go through this with her.
- Jessica DePugh (adult Pastor's daughter @ Newark BFC) continues in the ICU Trauma Unit at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. It's been close to 80 days since the horrific auto accident. Please pray for her physical and emotional healing, as well as for her family as they walk with her through this life-changing ordeal.
- I'm still taking names for our two mission trips this year and for our first Fall Retreat. I'm working on all three of these simultaneously. If you are interested in participating in any or all these CNYBA events, please let me know so I get you on the list for communication.
- Our first CNYBA mission event this year is scheduled for March 27 – April 3. We'll be returning to St. Croix to assist Pastor John Smith and the Shephard's Fold Community Church as they attempt to establish a second ministry point on the island. We'll be doing VBS, some evangelism efforts, and some service projects during our week long mission. It will feature an Easter sunrise service on the beach. If you are interested in this trip, it is important that you get a plane ticket soon because the fare keeps going up the closer we get to the date.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** has the drawings done for their proposed new facilities on land they have purchased across the road from their current location. They will soon be submitting these drawings in an application for a building permit. They hope to be able to get footings and frost walls in this coming summer. Mike Brown is Pastor.
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** is entering into strategy planning mode following the presentation of the Pastor's 2018 Perspective. First on the list is finishing the Constitution and By-laws. They have adopted a 2018 budget that is more than double that of 2017 and continues to feature 42% of undesignated offerings going to mission causes. Ed Hart is Pastor.

- **Northside, Liverpool** announces a South Africa Mission Trip Opportunity. Joe and Deb Salvagni will be leading a mission trip to Mokopane, South Africa, July 22-August 2, 2018. Ministry will consist of orphan care in orphanages, one day VBS programs, archery and soccer clinics, food/medical clinics, and customized days according to the teams skills. Cost is \$4500 per person. Includes lodging at Shikawru Lodge, all ground transportation in S. Africa, all meals, trip insurance, interpreters, round trip airfare from Atlanta to Johannesburg, South Africa, ministry supplies, and trip coordination through SCORE Intl. There will be additional opportunities to participate in an African Safari, an African Hunt with large game, and a photo Safari. If at all interested, please text/call Joe @ 315-877-7592. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Stamford** BC's Ladies Craft Group has prepared prayer shawls, lap quilts and hats for those who are ill or have lost a loved one. They will be distributed in the community by volunteers. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- Yesterday morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Summit, Cazenovia**, where I was privileged to participate in the ordination of Mike Santy, who is serving as Assistant Pastor. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Mon – ANV Terry & Elizabeth Robertson (BCNY Exec Director & wife)
- Tues – Ministry 101 via Go-to-Meeting
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk
- Fri – BD Bernie Elliott (AP @ Mission, Syracuse)

### **Missionary Moments**

- [Europe] IMB worker RUSTY FORD had been ministering to Raul's family for years when Raul's uncle shared that Raul was struggling with drugs. Rusty took Raul to a Christian rehab center for treatment, counseling and prayers. During his treatment, Raul accepted Jesus, followed by his twin brother, Jorge. The brothers are kickboxing champions and wanted to use their passion for boxing to reach others, so Rusty helped them start kickboxing classes at a church. Through the class, they have shared the gospel with more than 50 guys, and many have decided to follow Christ and stop using drugs. Praise God that gifts through the Cooperative Program enable Rusty to disciple these brothers as they share with others.

- [Florida] Before planting churches in Florida, ROBERT BECKMAN had served as a student pastor in Colorado, an International Mission Board missionary in Western Europe and a staff member at the Florida Baptist Convention. Today he is co-planting Redemption Church in Lakeland, Fla. The new church plant is reaching young families, most of whom have never been to church or haven't been in years. Thanks to your gifts given through the Cooperative Program, Robert can build relationships in Lakeland, tell people about Jesus and help them connect to Redemption Church. Pray that God will help the church develop more leaders in the coming years.

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

- The frugal man walked into the house panting and almost completely exhausted. "What happened, Honey?" asked his wife. "It's a great new idea I have," he gasped. "I ran all the way home behind the bus and saved \$1.50 cents." "That wasn't too smart," replied his wife. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save ten dollars?"