

## Hart Beat

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

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### Hart to Heart

- Well, I can't decide what season of the year we're in. We've had at least three seasons this past week – 60+ degree temperatures followed the next day by 5 inches of snow, and then 40+ degrees and rain a couple of days later.
- Lyn has been down with the flu, or at least flu like symptoms – fever, vomiting, chills, fatigue, aching, etc. The doctor gave her some medication and she's almost back to normal. She felt good enough to go with me to church on Sunday, but I think she may still have a little ways to go to get back to full strength.
- This past week I have been trying not to get what Lyn had. So far I've avoided the worst of the symptoms, but I think my get up and go, got up and went. I did manage to do quite a bit of administrative stuff regarding our upcoming mission trip to St. Croix and some sermon preparation for Sunday. If I don't feel stronger soon, I guess I'll have to go see the doctor. The rule of thumb from my "growing up years" is that if you go see the doctor you'll get over what ails you in 7 to 8 days. If you do nothing and "ride it out" you'll get better in about a week. It's about time to see if that rule holds.
- Heads Up. Save the Date: The Upstate VBS Training for 2018 will be held on Saturday, April 7 at **Bellewood Baptist Church, North Syracuse**. Starting time will 9:00 AM and will be over before noon.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** will be joining other Child Evangelism Fellowship supporters to start the next sessions of The Good News Bible Club at Franklin Elementary School. In the past they have had up to 60 kids staying after school for snacks, games, music and a very evangelistic bible lesson. > This semester they will be adding a new ministry to the Good News Bible Club. Each child will have the opportunity to join "The Truth Chasers Club" - a great opportunity for the kids to continue their bible education by participating in a mail in bible study. > Beginning this week they will be opening their building to allow a new church plant to meet on Tuesday Nights. This work began as a bible study that has developed out of **Iglesia Bautista Transformacion, Syracuse**. This new gathering will be led by Alex Rivera and made up of Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, Dominican and Guatemalan believers. > Their big annual Easter outreach will be held on Saturday, March 31. If you are interested in filling some plastic eggs with candy and sending them to them, the mailing address is 1012 Oak Street, Syracuse, NY 13203. They will need them by March 25<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in personally helping out on the day of the event,

they need people to provide entertainment, help with set up and clean up, people to walk around meeting and greeting neighbors and passing out church info, as well as to help with games and many other little tasks. If you are interested in helping please contact Pastor Ronnie Wyatt at 315-876-0558.

- Yesterday Lyn and I were privileged to worship with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where Frank Adams has been pastor since April 2009. Yesterday I was honored to be able to preach in the absence of Pastor Frank, who was away at a conference with his wife, Julie.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – ANV Bernie & Kristen Elliott (AP&W @ Missio, Syracuse)
- Thurs – BD Margaret Culver (PW @ Emory Chapel, Waverly)
- Thurs – Min ANV Bernie Elliot (AP @ Mission, Syracuse since Mar 2008)

### **Missionary of the Week**

- There was a man in Central Asia named Kambiz Saghay (say kahm-BEEZ sop-AWE- ee), who once worked to stop a church there from telling people about Jesus, just as Saul did in New Testament times. In fact, for nine months he tried to shut that church up. But the church stood firm. Eventually Kambiz began doubting his Muslim faith. He asked God to show him the truth. A voice told him that Jesus Christ is the truth. In that moment, Kambiz became a follower of Jesus. Now he equips people to share their faith, just as the apostle Paul did. And that church he tried to stop? He became its pastor! Kambiz survived prison and certain death in Central Asia and eventually he and his wife came to the U.S. Now he is studying and serving as coordinator of the Persian Leadership Development program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina, offering help to Farsi-speakers. Southeastern is one of the six Southern Baptist seminaries we support through our Cooperative Program giving. Today, let's thank God for guiding Kambiz and preserving his life. Let's pray that his ministry to Farsi-speaking people will have results far and wide just as Paul's ministry did!

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

- A Scottish mother visits her son in his New York City apartment and asks, "How do you find the Americans, son?" "Mother," says the son, "they're such noisy people. One neighbor won't stop banging his head against the wall, while the other screams and screams all night long." "Oh, son! How do you manage to put up with them?" "What can I do? I just lie in bed quietly, playing my bagpipes."