

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Lyn and I want to thank those who called, email, texted, and facebooked during her recent medical procedure and short hospital stay. Everything is fine, Mama is home, and things are returning to normal. I don't think the boys liked my cooking.
- **Emmanuel, Cortland** will host a night of gospel music featuring the Jacobs Brothers in concert on Friday evening, April 27th at 7:00 PM. Jim Hundley is Pastor.
- **Clyde BC** will have a spaghetti and meat ball dinner on April 28th, followed by a gospel music concert by a couple from PA. This couple will also do special music for the Sunday AM service on the 29th. David Barrows is Pastor
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will hold a Roller Skating Fellowship on April 14th from 2-4 PM at the Keystone Roller Rink in Sayre, PA. Open to anyone under 100 years old. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** opens their building every Monday and Wednesday mornings for Free Coffee, Free Bread and Clothes. These are meant to be a blessing to their neighbors but they are also an opportunity to pray with individuals who are struggling and share the hope of Christ. Every week they use this time to move from the physical needs to spiritual needs. They have also begun a relationship with a community leader who focuses on working with refugees and how to reach them spiritually. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.
- The Mid-year Meeting of CNYBA will be held on May 5th @ Stamford Baptist Church beginning at 10 AM. Our guest speaker will be Doug Bagg, founder and Director of Grief Care Ministries. The meeting is scheduled to end at 12:30 PM.
- Time is running out to register for the Fall Get-a-way at The Cove, Billy Graham's Training facility near Asheville, NC scheduled for September 7-9. May 1 our block of rooms go away. Right now we have an odd number. In order to get the \$400 (single occupancy) rate, we need at least one more single.
- On Friday past **Open Bible Fellowship** held a farewell domino party honoring Elton and Billie Winskie, who are moving to Virginia at the end of this month. Most of those attending have many great memories of domino games with the

Winskie's over the years. Billie has been our CNYBA Treasurer for the past at least 20 years. They will be missed.

- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Church Street, Elmira**, where Charles Mathews has been pastor since June 2010.
- This month's Ministry 101 Forum via Go-To-Meeting will be held this coming Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. If you are interested, email, text, or call me and I will email you the link you'll need to join the meeting. This month's topic is Casting Vision.

Missions at Home

- As you know, a main stay of CNYBA activities is mission trips. We've been to Peru, Texas, Alaska, and several times to the Virgin Islands. We will continue to do that, with a trip planned for Appalachia sometime next year. However, **missions begins at home**. We have at least two churches that need our help this spring and summer.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** needs help to replace the roof, take out carpet and some sheetrock, remove mold, and put sheetrock back. There are no showers at the church, but you could "camp out" at the church, nearby RV parks, or local motels. Groups are welcomed for a day, several days, a week, etc. I'll be coordinating a one week focus in early summer, but feel free to contact Pastor Dan Schallmo (315-491-3020) to arrange for you and/or your group to be there on a date that fits your schedule.
- **Clyde BC** needs help painting, installing insulation, electrical, lighting, finishing plaster, and general carpentry odds and ends. There are showers in the church, so you can camp out at the church, at local RV parks, or local motels. I'll be coordinating a one week focus in mid to late summer, but feel free to contact Pastor David Barrows (315-521-0031) to arrange for you and/or your group to be there on a date that fits your schedule.

Missionary of the Week

- We want to pray for two of our North American missionaries today. Wes and Adrienne Walls have started Dwelling Place Church in Seattle, Washington. We support them through our church's Cooperative Program giving, so of course we want to pray for them. But we also need to pray for them because we have sent Wes and Adrienne to a very difficult place. About 4.7 million people live in the Seattle area and only a small number are Christians. So when Wes and Adrienne start talking to someone, they have to assume two things: that the person does not know anything about Jesus Christ or the Bible and that there's no telling what

the person does believe. A while back they talked to a lady working in a coffee shop. She said she wanted to tear down the government and that she was looking to find spiritual enlightenment through Eastern religions like Buddhism and Hinduism. They kept talking to her, and one day she agreed to come to a Bible study. Today, let's pray that the Lord will bless Wes and Adrienne with opportunities to share the gospel with people and that their church will grow quickly.

Have You Heard This One?

- After the honeymoon, the new wife tells her husband, "I think it's time for you to stop playing golf. In fact, you might as well sell all of your clubs." The husband replies, "You're starting to sound like my ex-wife." His wife says, "I thought you said you've never been married before?" The husband says, "I haven't."