

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- You may have heard that Billie Winskie is moving to Virginia. That's true, but the address for making contributions to CNYBA remains the same – CNYBA % Amy Dunham, 103 Southside Dr Suite 8, Owego, NY 13827. She's our bookkeeper/accountant. Of course you can also send them to me, but they wind up at Amy's office anyway. It's quicker and easier if you send them directly to her.
- **Stamford BC** will hear Randy Simson in concert during their Sunday morning worship on April 29th. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** will host Bloom, a women's night of worship, on April 28th. During the month of May they will host New Here Growth Groups on Tuesday evenings for newcomers to Starpoint Church. Dr. Roscoe Lily is Pastor.
- **Living Water, Owego** baptized one during the worship service yesterday. Pastor Wayne Sibrava also gave a visual report of his recent mission trip to India with our Missionary to Peru, Rick Martin.
- Last night was movie night at **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**. They served free hot dogs and popcorn and watched "Facing the Giants." Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.
- **Korean, Vestal** baptized 5 yesterday. Daniel Song is Pastor.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** will have Movie Night on Sunday, April 29th at 4 PM, followed by prayer time at 6 PM. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool's** Pastor Bruce Aubrey's mother has been hospitalized with pneumonia. Let's life her and him up in prayer over the next few days.
- On Tuesday past I was privileged to participate in the quarterly Project Team supporting **Praxis Church, Syracuse**, where Dan Studt serves as Church Planter/Pastor.
- On Saturday past I was honored to be asked to officiate at the funeral of Richard Savage, the father of one of our **Open Bible Fellowship** members.

- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Living Water, Owego**, where Wayne Sibrava has been pastor since December 1997. After church we enjoyed a farewell lunch for our good friends Elton & Billie Winskie, who are moving to Virginia this week.

On a Personal Note

By now some of you are aware that Elton & Billie Winskie are moving to Virginia to be closer to daughters. This couple has become very close friends to Lyn and me. Elton has been a golfing buddy for 20 years. He has also been a valuable fix-it guy when I needed help. We have spent many hours with this couple playing dominoes, eating, and just visiting in each other's homes over the years, as well as enjoying fellowship as we attended various events together. When I first moved to New York in June of 1996 to assume my role as DOM, we bought their house. It was their generosity and willingness to "carry a second mortgage" that allowed that to happen. Billie has been the Associational Treasurer for more than 20 years. Even after we went to an outside professional bookkeeper she has been a valuable part of our financial accountability system. Billie's banking background and cooperative spirit made it much easier than it could have been to recommend and implement financial policies and practices that has led to balanced budgets, financial transparency, and budget surpluses (a Reserve Fund) almost every year since I've been DOM. The association and I owe this couple a deep debt of gratitude. To say I'm going to miss them is a huge understatement.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – CNYBA Leadership Team Meeting
- Tues – Ministry 101 via Go-To-Meeting
- Fri – Jacobs Brothers in concert @ Emmanuel. Cortland
- Sat – Spaghetti Dinner & Gospel Music Concert @ Clyde BC

Missionary of the Week

- Our missionaries tell us that Western Europe is one of the hardest places in the world to start churches. Europeans often reject Christianity even if they do not know much about it. It usually takes a long time for a European to come to faith in Christ. Today we're going to pray for Michael Harrington, one of our missionaries who serves in Europe. Our church supports him through the Cooperative Program. Michael said he talked for a long time to a man named Alex, and finally he came to a Bible study. But Alex walked out in the middle of it. Those Christians in that room just could not be for real, he said. But our missionary persisted and got Alex into months-long Bible study. Finally, God's truth began to get through to him. He wrote out hundreds of Bible verses in longhand so he could remember them. Finally, Alex was baptized. Folks, we're happy that this one European came to faith in Christ! But how can we reach

hundreds? Thousands? Millions? The first thing we need is more missionaries. Let's pray for Michael as he teaches, coaches and works with people whose minds are closed - at least at first.

Have You Heard This One?

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" And God said that it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh.. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God again said that it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay? "Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me, I will be on the front porch.