

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Looks like we're having a mild winter this spring.
- Well, this is embarrassing. This morning we headed for **Jefferson BC**, where I was to preach in the absence of Pastor Frank Adams. Shortly after leaving Lyn became extremely sick to her stomach. I turned around and took her back home and I started out again. An hour and a half later I realized that in the confusion and the snow squall, I took the wrong highway and was near Syracuse on I-81. Needless to say to was too late to make it to Jefferson by preaching time. Folks at Jefferson BC had a time of sharing and testimonies and I came back to Cortland and worshiped with the good folks at **Emmanuel, Cortland**, where Jim Hundley has been pastor since April 1991.
- The 2018 CNYBA St. Croix Mission Trip is now history. Everyone got home safely. It was 85 degrees when we left St. Croix and 29 degrees when we landed in Syracuse. Much work got done and our connection/report with the children and administration of the Harborview Apartment Complex was strengthened. Praise the Lord for a great team of 23.
- I have posted the latest report from Rick & Donna Martin, our missionaries to Peru. You can read and see the report on our CNYBA web site under the Information Tab/Missionary Reports.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** had a special Good Friday night communion service reflecting on Christ last supper before going to the cross. For Resurrection Sunday they had a breakfast, then a packed Sunday service. They are praying that many first time visitors will return to worship in coming weeks. They are studying the Book of Job during Wednesday night bible study. Bill Lower is Pastor.
- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** held their first-ever Good Friday Experience! On Saturday 70 volunteered as they conducted 12 different Easter Egg hunts! They had 320 kids pre-register. They set a new record for highest attendance ever and 20+ people who raised their hands to accept Christ! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor
- **Baptist Campus Ministry Church, Syracuse University** Served with **The Neighborhood Church** on the North Side of Syracuse as TNC hosted their annual community egg hunt on Saturday before Easter. Also, students on Spring Break helped with packing grocery packages at Manor Community Church in

New York City. BCM Pastor/Director Devon Bartholomew attended the “MLK50: Gospel Reflections from the Mountaintop” Conference in Memphis, TN, where he heard about racial unity from the Christian perspective. In mid-May, BCM is launching a summertime support raising campaign leading to the 2018-19 academic year. This will be long-term funding for BCM's Campus Church and student outreach.

- **Northside, Liverpool** rejoices over all God did over the Easter week-end. More than 1900 people attended Easter weekend services at Northside and at least seven people indicated they gave their lives to Christ. They are praying for those who attended Easter week-end to return and that many lives will be impacted through the four week series entitled 'Risen', which began on Easter week-end. In addition, they have received \$15,019 dollars to date toward the 2018 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions - which tops their goal of \$15,000. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** Thank you so much to all of you that helped to make our 2018 Easter Egg Outreach such a huge success. Some of you donated eggs (We had approx. 18,000 eggs!). Some of you showed up to help with the event (Thank you so much!). Many of you prayed!!!! Counting adults, we had over 500 people show up!! The kids got way too much candy. Many of these "City Kids" got to actually see and hold a real bunny for the first time!! The parents got to let their kids have a safe fun time in a park that is usually known for it's violence and drug scene. The Gospel was shared publically with all! Over 130 bibles were given away! 300 Gospel tracts were passed out! 250 The Real Story of Easter booklets were given away. We had three families visit The Neighborhood Church that directly came from this outreach! Only God knows the Eternal difference all of you made with your help and support! Thank you so much!!!
- **Grace, Rome** will host a Men's Retreat on Friday evening, May 4th, beginning with a free dinner at 5:30 PM. The conference is entitled “Fishers of Men” and will be led by Tommy Echols, BCNY Church Growth Team Leader. Please RSVP to Shawn Salsman by Apr 29, 2018 salsmanenterprise@twcny.rr.com or 315-371-5166 . > Then they will also have day mission trip to High Braes Christian Camp and Retreat in Osceola, NY on May 19th, where they will move about 30 face chord of wood that is stacked out in the woods and needs to be brought in for next winter. High Braes will provide lunch. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Shawn Salsman at one of the above contact avenues.
- Don't forget the Mid-year Meeting of CNYBA on May 5th. It will be held at **Stamford BC** from 10:00 AM 'til 12:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Doug Bagg, founder of Greif Care Ministries.

- There's still time to register for the Fall Retreat at the Billy Graham Training Center near Asheville, NC scheduled for September 7-9. Cost is \$400 per person (double occupancy). At the moment we have an odd number registered and are looking for another single – man or woman. I have released 10 rooms in our block. There is still room in our CNYBA block until May 1, after which the block will go away and you'll be on your own to find a spot. So if you are interested, it would be better to go ahead and register before May 1. If you're having trouble coming up with the total cost before May 1, call me. I may be able to take 1/2 by May 1 and the other half later.
- Early tomorrow morning Lyn will have a medical procedure that will keep her in the hospital overnight tomorrow night. Prayers appreciated.
- Due to Lyn's medical procedure and hospital stay, we will postpone the Ministry 101 Go-To-Meeting session for a week.

This Week in Preview

- Today – BD Devon Bartholomew
- Thurs – OBF Leadership Team Meeting
- Thurs – OBF Fellowship Meal & Bible Study
- Fri – Winskie's farewell party @ OBF
- Sat – BD Lisa Arnold (PW @ Southport, Elmira)

Missionary of the Week

- More than a million people live in Birmingham, England. It's England's second largest city after London. But listen to this: Almost half of all those people are younger than 30, and they need to hear and respond to the gospel of Christ. Jonathan Todd, our missionary for today, has stepped up to the task. God has enabled Jonathan to do some remarkable things in Birmingham. For example, he has been able to speak at a number of high school assemblies, presenting the gospel to students and teachers alike. One school was in a community that is predominantly Muslim, yet Jonathan was able to give New Testaments to 48 students. The principal of another school agreed to start an after-school Christian club because of the gospel presentation Jonathan made. Part of the money our church gives through the Cooperative Program goes to support Jonathan in this wonderful ministry there in England. Since he is our missionary, can we pray for him now?

Have You Heard This One?

- The nurse came into the office and said to the Doctor, “There’s a man in the waiting room who thinks he’s invisible. What should I tell him?” The doctor said, “Tell him I can’t see him today.”