

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Love these spring days – cool mornings and warm days. As summer approaches I am trying to crank up my “working on the house” time. It’s proving difficult to transition from the “stay up late and sleep in late” winter time schedule to the “go to bed early and get up early” schedule I need for spring and summer. After all these years I can still hear my Dad saying, “Are you going to sleep your life away? We’re burning daylight here!”
- I think we have all the paperwork together the bank requires to get our new assistant treasurer, Karen Sorensen, approved to sign checks. Karen is a part of our Open Bible Fellowship family. She has a history with associational work. At one time she was the Sunday School Director for Southern Tier Baptist Association. With the departure of our long time treasurer, Billie Winskie (moved to VA), Lary Hyde has moved up to Treasurer.
- Very shortly now I will have all our associational trailers inspected and tagged. If your church would like to use one of our tents, our scaffolding, or our block party trailer, just drop me an email. We have past May 1st, so now it’s first come first served for reservations.
- At this writing we have 16 signed up for the Fall Retreat at The Cove, Billy Graham’s Training Center near Ashville, NC. – one of whom is John Simmons, former Director of Missions for Southern Tier Baptist Association, which became part of CNYBA in 2000. While our block of rooms has expired, you can still go on line and register as long as rooms are available. From the communications I’ve had, I’d say if you are interested you should register ASAP as rooms are filling fast.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** postponed their ground breaking service again yesterday due to the high likelihood of rain. I assume they’ll reschedule soon. Mike Brown is Pastor.
- Yesterday Lyn was dealing with an episode of high blood pressure, so she stayed home. I worshiped with the good folks at **Oneida Bible Church**, where Dick Fort has been pastor since December 2008.
- I’m leaving tomorrow mid-morning on a Disaster Relief call out to Connecticut. Apparently they had some major tornadoes that affected several towns. I’m going by BCNY and picking up the chain saw/mud out unit. I’ll be back on Saturday.

Then I'll go back on June 5th for another week or more. If you can help with this call out, please call me ASAP. It's only about 4 hours or so over there, so you can help as many days as your schedule will allow and still get home in relatively short order.

This Week in Preview

- Tues – Sat = Disaster Relief call out in Connecticut
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship (members handling in my absence)
- Sat – ANV Sam & Darlene Macri (P&W @ Crosspoint, Whitesboro)

Missionary of the Week

- Today we want to pray for Anna Wilson and June Borg, who are two of our missionaries serving in Japan. Our church supports them through the Cooperative Program. Japan has proven to be very resistant to the gospel. Less than one percent of the Japanese people are Christians, though missionaries have been in the country for many years. Let's just think about one incident that helps explain why missions work in Japan is hard. Anna and June were teaching English to Japanese children in their apartment - of course they were teaching Bible stories. One day they started the class with a prayer that began, "Dear Father in heaven ..." The children immediately began talking among themselves. "Did your father die?" one child asked Anna. They wondered about this because the Japanese are taught from an early age to pray for their dead ancestors. Today, let's pray for Anna and June. They are serving in a difficult place and the Japanese language is very hard to learn. And let us pray that these children will come to understand their true Father in heaven!

Have You Heard This One?

- Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. So, he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies – two in the front seat and three in the back seat – eyes wide and white as ghosts. The driver obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand. I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit?" she asked. "No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly – twenty-two miles an hour!" The State Police Officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. "But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK" the officer asks, "These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this

whole time?” “Oh, they’ll be alright in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119.”