

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### **Hart to Heart**

- I'm a little late with this update. I took a little fall Monday afternoon while working on the house and have been dealing with back spasms. Finally got it "calmed down" a bit. I saw my chiropractor this morning and will see him again on Thursday morning.
- I have posted the latest newsletter from Rick and Donna Martin to our CNYBA web site. You can find it under the Information Center Tab/Missionary Reports.
- As you may recall, we voted to use the property owned by CNYBA at 1906 East Genesee Street in Syracuse as a multi-use Ministry Center, with Tim Bissell, our Church Planting Catalyst serving as Property Manager. Things have finally begun to take shape. Three rooms and the hallway/stairway have been repaired and painted. Devon Bartholomew, our Student Ministry Director at Syracuse University, and Pastor at Baptist Campus Church, has moved his office into the property, as has his wife, Kate, who is the Director of the International Learning Center recently begun in Syracuse. In addition to office space, Devon hopes to use the property as a base from which to reach post-graduate SU students. Tim Bissell is in the process of moving his Church Planting Catalyst office there, with the hopes of gathering some folks together to plant a multi-cultural church. Your church has a part in each and all these ministries through its financial contributions to CNYBA.
- **Central, Syracuse** is holding their annual "Old Fashioned Revival" meeting this week with evangelist, Royce Williams. Milton Kornegay is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church this past week-end with over 1000 gathering for worship and seven making decisions to become followers of Jesus Christ! This coming weekend they will honor the high school graduates in their services. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** will hold their annual Father's Day Big Wheel Grand Prix in the parking lot after the 10:30 AM worship service on June 17<sup>th</sup>. They will have a bounce house for kids as the family cheers on Dad. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Crossroads, Sherburne**, where Dr. Ken Fallon has been pastor since May 2005. I was privileged to preach in the absence of the Pastor, who is on vacation for two

weeks. After church we enjoyed a picnic style lunch down by the river on the back edge of their property.

## **Important Life Lessons**

### **1. EVERY person is significant**

- During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor.. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant.. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello.." I've never forgotten that lesson.. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

## **This Week in Preview**

- Mon – ANV Ken & Sue Fallon (P&W @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- Mon – BD Faith Smith (APW @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- Wed – BD Bruce Aubrey (Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Wed – New Hispanic Church, Syracuse Project Team Meeting
- Thurs – ANV Tim & Elise Bissell – Church Planting Catalyst & Wife)
- Fri – ANV Bob & Julie Teachout (P&W @ Faith, Oneida)
- Sat – BD Maryanne Lilly (PW @ Starpoint, Clifton Park)
- Sat – BD Luke Brookhart (AP @ Living Water, Owego)
- Sun – ANV Bill & Christina Lower (P&W @ West Hill, Ithaca)

## **Missionary of the Week**

- Some of us here will remember the terrible war that was fought in Yugoslavia during the 1990s. Thousands died. Barry Kellem is one of our international missionaries who serves in Belgrade, the capital city. We support him and a number of other missionaries there. The war has left many problems in Yugoslavia to this day. Barry says there is a feeling of hopelessness in the city of Belgrade. Another negative factor is the Serbian Orthodox Church, which teaches many things not supported by the Bible. But our missionaries think a sort of revival may be on the way in Belgrade. Two new churches have been planted, and there is a growing group of young believers who are committed to reaching their city for Christ. Today let's pray for Barry and the other missionaries we support as our church gives through the Cooperative Program. Let's ask God to give hope

where there is none and spiritual victory that will last longer than the political kind.

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

- Bob had finally made it to the last round of the \$50,000 Question. The night before the big question, he told the host MC that he desired a question on American History. The big night arrived. Bob made his way onstage in front of the studio and TV audience. He had become the talk of the week. He was the best guest this show had ever seen. The MC stepped up to the mike. "Bob, you have chosen American History as your final question. You know that if you correctly answer this question, you will walk away \$50,000 dollars richer. Are you ready?" Bob nodded with a cocky confidence -- the crowd went nuts. He hadn't missed a question all week. "Bob, yours is a two-part question. As you know, you may answer either part first. As a rule, the second half of the question is always easier. Which part would you like to take a stab at first?" Bob was becoming more noticeably nervous. He couldn't believe it, but he was not sure, but American History was his easiest subject, and he played it safe. "I'll try the easier part first." The MC nodded approvingly. "Here we go Bob. I will ask you the second half first, then the first half." The audience grew silent with gross anticipation... "Bob, here is your question: And in what year did it happen?"