

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Yesterday, August 19th, Lyn and I celebrated 54 years of matrimony! If I live another week, I will arrive at age 74. Of the thousands of decisions I have made over this almost three quarters of a century, the decision to ask her to marry me is among the two or three best decisions I have ever made. I believed then, and I believe now, that that decision was in God's will. Had I made a different decision the past 55 years of ministry (come September) may not have been possible. I wish all my decisions would have turned out as good as that one.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse's** street ministry teams have ministered individually to almost 400 people in the past 21 days. Almost all of these are either homeless, prostitutes, addicts or struggling horribly with "life". Recently a 16 year old who has been working the streets as a prostitute for about three years, asked "Can your Jesus really forgive me for what I have done?" Through love, grace and the movement of God she gave her life to Jesus! Pray for her! > During their weekly free bread and coffee give away recently, a young family stopped in. Through love, grace and the movement of God, the mother said as she entered. "Can I have coffee? AND how can I have Jesus?" She and her son, both prayed to accept Christ and their little family is working through new believer bible study material together! Pray for them! > Two weeks ago, in the middle of their Saturday night service, "T" walked in and sat down. She has been selling herself on the streets for many years. As the service unfolded, she began to slowly break down emotionally. One of the TNC ladies slid closer to her and placed an arm around her. These two had never met before, but before long they were leaning on each other crying. As everything came to a close, and the invitation was given, "T" came forward and gave her life to Jesus! After the service she was surrounded with ladies hugging and helping her in any way possible. The next Monday, what a joy it was to have "T" show up and be one of the first ones to volunteer to help with the free coffee and clothes outreach! Why? It was through love, grace and the movement of God. Pray for her! > The faithful TNC family along with some wonderfully faithful friends from other churches, continue to plow through the 10 week long Kids Summer Bible Club. There are only two more weeks to go. They have been averaging around 20 kids every Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Every meeting there are games, songs, crafts and Bible Time with The Gospel being shared. Pray as they finish up the last two weeks with an emphasis on counseling the kids in making a decision for Christ!! Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.

- **Renovation, North Syracuse** celebrated 5 years as a church today, August 19th. Mike Mazzye is Pastor
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** received one new member by statement today. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- Dr. Charles Lowery will be returning to **Northside, Liverpool** and preaching at each of the weekend services on August 25th and 26th! Dr. Lowery uses humor and his experience as a Psychologist and Pastor to provide entertainment and encouragement while helping families and marriages to heal and grow. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- This update is coming to you a little earlier than usual because we have had a Disaster Relief call-out and I will be taking the BCNY Disaster Relief shower/laundry trailer down to Towanda, PA on Monday. This will be the first time for the shower trailer in the field, so I'll need to figure how the set-up routine and will stay with the trailer for staffing and maintenance for the remainder of the week. I'll come home to preach at **Jefferson BC** on Sunday. If no one has been found to relieve me, Lyn and I will go back and staff the shower/laundry unit the following week. The next week we'll be going to Billy Graham's Training Center, The Cove, in NC for a Fall Retreat. SO, you may not get another HART BEAT for a while – depends on wi-fi availability.
- Today, Lyn and I celebrated our wedding anniversary worshipping with the good folks at **West Hill, Ithaca**, where I was privileged to preach at the invitation of Pastor Bill Lower, who has been pastor at WHCC since April 2007. After service Pastor Bill and his wife, Chris, treated us to a nice lunch at a fine restaurant, where we enjoyed a great time of fellowship.
- Tonight, we celebrated again with some of our **Open Bible Fellowship** family at a local pizza place.

This Week in Preview

- Today (19th) – ANV Ed & Lyn Hart (P&W @ Open Bible, Catatonk)
- Mon (20th) – ANV Phil & sue Huber (P&W @ Inlet CC)
- Mon (20th) – BD John DePugh (Pastor at Newark BC)
- Mon (20th) – ANV Frank & Julie Adams (P&W @ Jefferson BC)
- Mon (20th) – ANV Lary & Linda Hyde (AP&W @ Living Water, Owego)
- Wed (22^d) – BD Ken Fallon (Pastor @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- Thurs (23rd) – ANV John & Jayne DePugh (P&W @ Newark BC)
- Sat (25th) – BD Ed Hart (DOM @ CNYBA)

Missionary of the Week

- Dan and Amanda Coleman are two of our missionaries serving way up in cold Kennebec, Maine. We can say it's a cold place because of the long winters. Generally speaking, people there are cold to the gospel as well. Both Dan and Amanda are native to New England, though, so they know how people there think. They also know how to live through the long, cold winters. But the biggest challenge is how to get to know people well enough so the gospel can be shared. One answer they have found is sports camps for children. They work with hundreds of kids in sports. That has given Dan and Amanda opportunities to talk with parents. Some of these parents have already joined their Kennebec Community Church and been baptized. We are supporting the Colemans and helping them do their ministry in Maine through our church's Cooperative Program giving. Let's pray today for them and be thankful that God knows how to call the right people to the places He wants the gospel shared!

Have You Heard This One?

- Police in Radnor, Pennsylvania, interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopier. The message "He's lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth. Believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed.