

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Our Fall Retreat at the Todd Starnes Getaway at The Cove, The Billy Graham Training Center just outside Asheville, NC is coming up September 7-9. We have had a cancellation by a couple, due to health issues. If you are interested in taking their spot, contact me ASAP.
- I have posted the latest missionary report from Rick and Donna Martin, our CNYBA missionaries serving in Peru. You can find it at our CNYBA website (www.cnyba.org) under the Information Center tab/missionary reports.
- Life marches on. It's hard to believe I'm old enough for my baby sister to retire. But she did this last week.
- Reasons To Believe (RTB) is a group of CHRISTIAN scientists and theologians whose purpose is to show that the BIBLE and SCIENCE agree with, and do not contradict each other. Registration for Reasons Institute's fall courses is now open! Courses Offered: Creation vs. Evolution – Learn how to use RTB's testable creation model approach to challenge the evolutionary paradigm about the origins of life, the fossil record, and the origin of humanity. Course begins August 20. Astronomy and Design – This 8-week online course explores introductory concepts related to the biblical and scientific data about the origin and design of the universe. Discover how to use big bang cosmology, the age of the universe, and the fossil record in your evangelism. Course begins August 20. World Religions and Science – Join Kenneth Samples as he surveys the world's major religions and explores the ways advocates of these religions use modern science to justify their particular worldviews. Course begins September 4. Advanced Seminar on the Origin of Life – Did life evolve through natural processes from an ancient primordial soup? What does the evidence actually say? This 15-week course taught by Dr. Fazale Rana explores the integration of the biblical account for the origin of life with the latest scientific research. Course begins September 4. **Registration Options:** AUDIT: Anyone can audit a course for personal enrichment. No written assignments. Just listen and learn! CERTIFICATE: Work toward a certificate and join RTB's Apologetics Community. CREDIT: College and graduate credit is also available. Questions? Contact them at (855) REASONS or (855) 732-7667. You can also email learning@reasons.org. PS If you're new to Reasons Institute, please view our introductory video or our FAQ page.

- **International Learning Center, Syracuse** is gearing up for another fall launch on September 17. They are still looking for additional volunteers. If you live in the Syracuse area and would like to help spread the gospel through helping to teach English as a second language, contact Director Kate Bartholomew at ilckateb@gmail.com or 716-531-0564.
- My friend, Dr. David Pope, former CNYBA moderator back when the association was formed in 2001, has formed an independent not-for-profit missions consulting organization called Pope Initiatives, to provide executive-level management and support services for major global mission efforts, focusing particularly on major unreached people groups initiatives in the Middle East, the Near East, North Africa, and West Africa. He recently traveled to Ghana where he met with six West African Unreached People Group Initiative Coordinators representing seven countries. Over the next ten years, these men (and others who will eventually join them) will work collaboratively with other ministries to see healthy churches form and multiply among 285 people groups in their region! Bro. David will be our guest speaker at the 2018 CNYBA annual meeting in October.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** is excited to announce a Summer Music Festival on Saturday August 11, 2018 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. This outdoor family event will feature games for the children, food, plus Gospel, blues & rock music. The music festival is free of charge, open to the public, and will take place at their future location on the corner of Route 13 and 3360 Thompson Road three miles south of Cazenovia NY. **In the event of rain**, the festival will be held at 21 Lincklaen St, Cazenovia, NY (current location of Summit and Cazenovia United Methodist churches). Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- It's Aqua-geddon time at **Starpoint, Clifton Park**. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to get wet as they play a ton of water games after church on Sunday, August 12 from 2:00-3:30 PM. On Saturday, August 25, they will be partnering with Kohl's Department Store and Cheryl's Lodge to sponsor a program called "Shop With A Star." In it, children will be teamed up with a STARpoint volunteer to go shopping for an hour at Kohl's with a \$100 gift card, which Starpoint provides. This is one of the many ways they are showing the love of God this summer. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** had a community Bar-B-Que on July 28th followed by a successful VBS last week. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Missio, Syracuse** has 12 portable church containers that they are no longer using and would love to give to another church. They are approximately 6'h x 4'w x 2'd. If you could use some of these contact Adam Bregou at adam@missionchurch.org or 315-685-3071. Jordan Stinziano is Pastor.

- On Wednesday afternoon past I delivered 1440 toothbrushes from our CNYBA warehouse to the BCNY office in Syracuse to be picked up by the pastor of a church “up north” who involved in a community oral hygiene program. By the way, as a side note, these instruments must have been named by some folks I knew back in the day in Arkansas. Otherwise they would have been called teethbrushes.
- After the toothbrushes delivery on Wednesday afternoon past, Lyn and I headed out to the airport, where we picked up my sister, Marie, who flew in from Arkansas to spend a few days with us. We have been enjoying her visit. She boards a plane for home tomorrow.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I, along with my sister, worshiped with the good folks at **Living Water, Owego** where Wayne Sibrava has been pastor since December 1997.
- On Sunday afternoon past I was privileged to baptize three adults from **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** (ranging in age from 58 – 77) using the facilities at **Living Water, Owego**. I always rejoice when I witness people making a public testimony of their desire to follow Jesus – and even more so the older they are. The 58 year old I baptized Sunday is the youngest of the 5 people I have been privileged to baptize since we started OBF.

August Ministry Anniversaries

- John DePugh – Pastor @ Newark BC since August 1994
- Jeff O’Brien – Associate Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool since August 1994
- Milt Kornegay – Pastor @ Central, Syracuse since August 1996
- John Talada – Pastor @ Good News, Waverly since August 2009
- Greg Johnson – Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott since August 2011
- Devon Bartholmew – Pastor @ BCM since August 2013

This Week in Preview

- Aug 5th – BD Phil Wright (Pastor @ Canastota BC)
- Aug 6th – BD Ronnie Wyatt (Pastor @ The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse)
- Aug 6th – BD Karl Novak (former Pastor @ Lakeshore, Cicero)
- Aug 6th – ANV Bruce & Cathy Aubrey (P&W @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Aug 8th - BD John Talada (Pastor @ Good News, Waverly)
- Aug 9th – ANV David & Vickie Barrows (P&W @ Clyde BC)
- Aug 10th – ANV Matt & Kristen Hallenbeck (P&W @ Bellewood, N. Syracuse)

Missionary of the Week

- Our missionaries of the week this week are Gene and Pam Young, two of our North American missionaries who serve in Lincoln, Montana, a town of about 1,000 people situated sort of between Yellow National Park and the Canadian border. Lincoln is in a valley surrounded by rugged mountains. Pictures taken here look like postcards, but pictures don't show everything. For example, it's likely that the bars, saloons and casinos outnumber the churches. Gene says many lives here have been torn apart by alcohol, drugs or gambling. It is, in other words, a real mission field where the gospel is desperately needed. Gene pastors Lincoln Baptist Church, but he isn't just a preacher. He and Pam have thrown themselves into every activity possible to meet people and share Christ. Often the lost people they pray for on Wednesday night will wander into a service on Sunday. Gene and Pam serve as chaplains with the town fire department and with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. They provide counseling and lead Bible studies, hoping their town of Lincoln will be the starting point of a nationwide revival. We support Gene and Pam through our Cooperative Program giving.

Have You Heard This One?

- Smith goes to see his supervisor in the front office. "Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff." "We're short-handed, Smith," the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off." "Thanks, boss," says Smith, "I knew I could count on you!"