

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### **Hart to Heart**

- Most of us have experienced dealing with people who wouldn't commit until they saw "how the wind was blowing". Well, there shouldn't be much discussion about which way the wind is blowing the last couple for days. Just look for the garbage cans, the tarps, the loose stuff on the porch, etc.
- Time is drawing near for us to be making some concrete steps toward our mission trip to Puerto Rico. The cost of the trip is \$210 (which goes to NAMB to provide food, lodging, and transportation in PR) plus the air fare. If you want to go on this trip please send your registration fee of \$210 to me **by March 12**. **Make out the check to CNYBA** and send it to me. I will need your name as it appears on your ID, your birth date, your mailing address, and your drivers incense number. This is for the background check NAMB does. On March 12th we must have our team together if we're going. That give us one month before leaving on April 13, and we need to purchase tickets at least three weeks before flight to get best price. I will let those who send in the registration fee know on the evening of March 12th if the team has made. If it's a go, you can purchase your airline ticket. If not, we will refund your registration fee. We can take as many as we enlist, but not less than 6.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** received one new member by statement of faith on Sunday past. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** witnessed 6 professions of faith and two others who professed their faith through baptism this past week-end. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Central, Syracuse** held a marriage enrichment event this past week. Milt Kornegay is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** heard Jason McGuire, Director of the New York Family Research Foundation, during the Sunday morning worship time on Sunday past. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- On Saturday past Tim Bissell and I were honored to be asked to be a part of the ordination service for Pastor Tara Sunwar at Immanuel Nepali Church, Mattydale. A week prior we were involved in the ordination council. This church is sponsored by **Syracuse Nepali Church**, where Bhim Biswa is Pastor.

- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Frank Adams, who, with his wife, was attending a marriage enrichment conference in Atlanta, GA.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Wed (27<sup>th</sup>) ANV Bernie & Kristen Elliott (AP&W @ Missio, Syracuse)
- Thurs (28<sup>th</sup>) Open Bible Fellowship
- Fri (1<sup>st</sup>) BD Margaret Culver (PW @ Emory Chapel, Barton)

### **Missionary of the Week**

- Our missions time today is about Shea Hicks, a woman who serves in the U.S. Air Force as an air battle manager at a base in Idaho where she is stationed. Protecting our country is one struggle she has trained for. The other struggle she is training for is spiritual: She is studying for a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Students at Southwestern and our five other seminaries across the U.S. have much lower tuition because those schools receive funds from churches like ours through the Cooperative Program. When fellow airmen learn about Shea's studies, they frequently ask, "What is a seminary?" or "Why study at a seminary?" This is her opportunity to share the Gospel with her coworkers. After she explains that she is studying the Bible, she typically follows up with a question like, "Have you ever thought about anything like that?" Her seminary studies have become not just a conversation starter, but an evangelism tool as well. She has found that people tend to respond to someone who is kind and willing to listen to their difficult questions. Then she can point them to answers in Scripture. Today let's be thankful for Shea Hicks twice - for her service to our country and for her equally active duty service for Christ in the mission field that is our military. Let's ask God to protect her and bless her work and her ministry!

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

- In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'