

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Well, I'm a little late with this issue of HART BEAT. Between finalizing plans and itineraries for our April Puerto Rico mission trip (with a side trip to St. Thomas for two of us to pursue a possible partnership between CNYBA and the SBC churches there), securing St. Thomas lodging, and booking flights, etc. etc. etc. Time slipped away.
- Speaking of time slipping away, the Spring Church Strengthening Conference is coming up Saturday, March 23rd. Dr. Bruce Aubrey will share with us on the subject of the foundation for a strengthened church – The Spiritual Life of the Leaders. We'll begin at 10:00 AM and end before 2 PM with a catered lunch from Chick-fil-a. I am more than a little disappointed that I have only 11 people registered at this point and I have to tell Chick-fil-a how much food I need by Thursday afternoon. There is still time for you to register. Just call, text, or email me in the next couple days.
- **Inlet CC** has purchased a mini bus, took out some seats, and got it reclassified as a van so anyone can drive it. They will use it in a couple of weeks to take their Mexico Mission trip team to the Albany airport and hope to use it regularly for picking up kids for their Sunday Children's Church, VBS, and any number of other things. They plan to freshen it up with a new coat of paint in the summer. Phil Huber is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** celebrated the end of Upward Basketball season last night with a Volunteer Banquet. This year there were more than 500 athletes, 225 games, and 53 PRPFESSIONS OF FAITH. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- I spent the first part of the week in Omaha, NE visiting with my sister, Marie, who is in Omaha with her daughter and getting treatment at a renowned hospital that specializes in pancreatic cancer. She has also been diagnosed with kidney cancer. She is undergoing chemo for the first 4 to 6 months and will then have major surgery. Thank you to those who have been praying for Marie. Please continue.
- On Thursday evening past worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatunk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. In spite of 11 of our regular folks away for a variety of reasons, we had 20 in attendance.

- On Saturday past Steve Sallis and I conducted introductory Disaster Relief training for a group of seven at **Cross Point, Whitesboro.**
- There will be a more extensive Disaster Relief training with an emphasis on the mass feeding component of Disaster Relief. It will be held at **Lakeshore, Cicero** on Friday evening and Saturday, April 26-27.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Cornerstone, Endicott**, where Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.

This Week in Preview

- Wed (20th) BD Roger Best – a pioneer in SBC work in upstate New York
- Thurs (21st) Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk
- Friday (22nd) Lunch with Devon & Kate Bartholomew
- Sat (23rd) BD Cindy Schallmo – PW @ Summit, Cazenovia

Missionary of the Week

- Ryan and Eren Moore are native New Yorkers but in 2016 they relocated to Plainfield, New Jersey, with their daughter and started Focus Community Church. Plainfield is in New Jersey but it's only about 35 miles from Manhattan, the heart of New York City. State lines or no, it's a continuation of Greater New York's diverse people, communities and income levels. We are going to pray for the Moores today because they are our missionaries and our church supports them through the Cooperative Program. But let's also thank God for how He is acting in the lives of people the Moores have reached. When they prayed for God to send someone to help them learn more about Plainfield's people, He sent Lamont and Crystal with their three children. This couple has been an important part of reaching out to the city. Another new member, Tracey, has begun to understand salvation through Bible studies Erin has led. Recently the church has launched a ministry to the many Spanish-speaking adults in Plainfield by providing materials and resources to help them get their high school degrees. Let's thank God for how He is working through this new and growing church in Plainfield, New Jersey. And let's ask God to bless our missionaries, Ryan and Eren, as they serve there.

Have You Heard This One?

- After a very long and boring sermon, the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Toward the end of the line was a thoughtful

woman who always commented on the sermons. Today she chose her words carefully and said, “Pastor, your sermon today reminded me of the peace and love of God.” The pastor was thrilled. “No one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Please tell me why you felt that way.” She said, “It passed all understanding and it endured forever.”