

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Please join me in praying for Pastor Bruce Aubrey (**Northside, Liverpool**) who is in the hospital at this writing. This is the third hospitalization for Bruce in the past week. Please be praying that the doctors can determine exactly what's going on and find a course of treatment that will bring Bruce back to a healthy normal.
- Save the Date: October 19th. That's the date of the CNYBA Annual Meeting. I don't want anybody to inadvertently schedule a previous engagement. The meeting will be held somewhere in the Syracuse area and will have a missions theme. There's no reason why we couldn't have 100 in attendance at the annual meeting.
- **Starpont, Clifton Park**, has called a new Worship Pastor. Kevin Brustle began his tenure yesterday. On May 14th they will begin a new seven week Priscilla Shirer Women's Bible study. On May 24th they will host a Men's Clay Shoot where guys 18+ can connect with each other while having some fun skeet shooting and eating burgers! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor
- **Stamford BC** is collecting donated school supplies to be distributed to local students in need. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **End of Year Report from Baptist Campus Ministry, Syracuse University**: The end of the academic year is the time to reflect and give thanks for the work God has done. Last August, our opening event welcomed 90 people to Taco Tuesday, many of whom became involved all year and have become leaders already. From last semester to this one, we saw a 25% increase in Campus Church attendance, had over 325 people come visit on Sundays, and had two Sundays with over 110 people. Our music team grew from a single guitarist to a whole band that has truly led us to worship God in song. We hosted two one-day retreats which taught students to capture a sense of mission for unreached places, Christ's heart for the nations, and Gospel-sharing skills.

We saw many of our students do incredible work in their clubs and organizations for the benefit and blessing of their campuses. Along those lines, we blessed our campus with 1,000 breakfast bars and 2,000 free coffee coupons to People's Place. Our students served off-campus as well, preparing and handing out blessing bags in the community, making sandwiches for those in need, serving alongside other local churches through children's programming and community outreach events, and replacing hurricane-damaged roofs in Puerto

Rico.

We saw students grow in their relationships with Jesus, turning from idols and repenting of sin. Our students share with their friends and family members. We are excited to see the work that God does in our students over the break.

With Christ's Energy,
Devon and Kate Bartholomew

- Devon and Kate are preparing team for a Rebuild Puerto Rico trip from May 18-25. Please continue praying for a safe and productive trip! These service trips provide unique opportunities to SU/ESF students and also allow them to engage with Christians in action, and have [earned recognition on campus](#).
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** will hear and see a report of the recent mission trips to St. Tomas, St. John, and Puerto Rico this coming Thursday evening at our regular worship service. Manuel Sorensen, who was the photographer on the trip, will present the report. Ed Hart is Pastor.

This Week in Preview

- Mon (13th) BD Pedro Abreu – Pastor @ Transformation, Syracuse
- Tues (14th) Associational Leaders Meeting with BCNY Vision Team
- Fri (17th) Work Day @ home
- Sat (18th) BD Moe Wright – PW @ Canastota BC
- Sat (18th) Prayer Walk/Drive @ Open Bible, Catatonk

Missionary of the Week

- We know that people around the world are moving to other countries to live. People from China, for example, have moved all over the world. We don't think of Chinese people living, say, in South America, but millions of Chinese now live there. Our missionaries we are going to pray for [today](#) serve in South America - in Lima, the capital city of Peru. They are Joe and Kim Busching and they're our missionaries because we [support](#) them as our church gives to missions through the Cooperative Program. In 2016 Joe and Kim arrived in Lima, which is Spanish-speaking, of course. Then they learned that more than a million Chinese people were living in their city, but they could find only about 90 who were Christians. So they [start](#) praying about how these million Chinese can hear about Jesus. They made contact with a Chinese Baptist church in Kansas City and then with a Chinese Christian woman who runs a school to teach Spanish to Chinese. Gradually, Joe and Kim are making contacts with believers and figuring out other ways to share the Gospel. Let's ask God to bless Joe and Kim serving way down in South [America](#). Let's thank God that, as Christians, we don't care much abo

Have You Heard This One?

- The shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a large sign which read BEST DEALS. He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an equally large sign, reading LOWEST PRICES. The shopkeeper was panicked, until he got an idea. He [put](#) the biggest sign of all over his own shop. It read... **MAIN ENTRANCE**.