

Hart Beat

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

19 June 2019

Hart to Heart

- As you are probably aware, Lyn and I have been on a three week working vacation. I've been checking email from time to time (when we have Wi-Fi – which has been sketchy in most RV parks), responding to texts, I-messages, Facebook posts, and phone calls. After nearly 4000 miles and twelve states (plus 5 of the states again on the way home) we arrived home late Monday afternoon. Even the boys were happy to be home. However, we did enjoy our time away. Highlights included spending a couple days with my brother and his wife touring the Ark replica and Creation Museum in KY & OH, visiting with my sister (who is receiving chemo as she fights pancreatic & kidney cancer) in Omaha, and visiting with long-time friends in Bemidji, MN, where we attended Sunday morning worship at the church we planted there back in the 1980s. We hadn't been back to Bemidji in 7 or 8 years.
- If you have emailed me in the past three weeks and did not get an answer, please re-email me. It is difficult on the road to delete emails without Wi-Fi. I can check them on my phone, but they keep building because I cannot find a way to delete groups of emails on the phone. They have to be deleted one at a time. So my in-box keeps getting larger and larger and I may have overlooked someone. AND I just deleted over 1500 emails and may have deleted yours accidentally.
- We have a request from one of the churches we are partnering with on St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands. They want to do a mission trip to Jamaica later this summer and are asking if we could help support the funding for that. They need \$500 to finish funding that project. If you or your church would like to help with this request, just send your contribution ASAP directly to our bookkeeper. Make the check out to CMYBA with VI Missions in the memo line. Her address is CNYBA % Amy Dunham 103 Southside Dr. Suite 8, Owego, NY 13728.
- On June 1st I completed 23 years as a Director of Missions in upstate New York. From 13 churches in Southern Tier to 46 churches now in Central New York, much has occurred and much has changed in that time. In addition to many associational mission trips, several mission projects in Peru and the Virgin Islands, and many seminars and workshops that hopefully help strengthen churches, about half the churches in our association have been started since I arrive back in the state of my birth in 1996. I am deeply grateful to the pastors and churches for allowing me to serve. May the Lord add His blessings to our efforts for the Kingdom.

- Pastor Wayne Sibrava (**Living Water, Owego**) has recently returned from a week long mission trip to India, where he worked with Pastor Raju ministering to orphans, HIV positive people, lepers, and other pastors in the area.
- Pastor Bruce Aubrey (**Northside, Liverpool**) is back in the hospital. In addition to complications from meningitis, he had a small bowel obstruction that required surgery, and a separate infection in the abdomen. He has been in the hospital over 30 days since the beginning of May and, as you might imagine, he is weary – as is his family. Let's continue lifting this brother up in prayer.
- Pastor Harold Lefler (**Fellowship, Norwich**) has moved to Little Rock, Arkansas to be near his daughters. As may remember, he has endured several health related issues of late. We owe an eternal debt of gratitude to men like Harold, who have invested their lives in the work of the Lord in upstate New York – and upon whose shoulders we continue to build. Sometimes I think we don't honor those who have gone before us as we should. Bro. Harold has done much foundational work in upstate New York over several decades. He invested the most productive part of this life ministry here, when he could probably have served in more lucrative ministry elsewhere. Since coming to upstate New York way back when, he has buried two wives, raise two daughters, pastored churches, planted churches, and has been very active in the local association. He has been a real support to me over the past two plus decades. God's speed. My friend!
- Southern Baptists honored 26 new missionaries sent by their home churches through the International Mission Board during a June 11 Sending Celebration.
- Don't Forget to Save the Date of October 19th. That's the date of the CNYBA Annual Meeting. 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. There is value in associating.
- **Stamford BC** had a float in the Stamford Flag Day Parade this year. It was an Operation Christmas Child themed float that featured a giant Shoebox with "stuff" overflowing. There was also a cross. Great job Stamford BC. It was evident that someone put a lot of time and thought into their participation in the parade. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Star Point, Clifton Park** had their annual Father's Day Big Wheel Grand Prix right after our noon service. They also had a bounce house, hot dogs, & ice cream for everybody! On Wednesday June 19th they will be preparing a summer BBQ for all town hall employees at noon to show the town how glad they are to be a part of the community. On Saturday evening, June 29 parents and kids are invited to come find out all about their children & student ministry program and what's in store for the kids in their next LEVEL UP! Parents (and kids) will hear

from ministry leaders from each area starting from Kindergarten (K-3, 4-5, and Middle School/High School). Parents will be able to tour their student's new ministry area, have some fun with their kids & their leaders, and then stay for an informal kickball game outside! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.

A Special and Unusual Mission Trip Opportunity

Mission Trip to Campus - Proposal

- Baptist Campus Church at Syracuse University is looking for local church members to help with Fall 2019 outreach on campus. This “mission trip to campus” will help us welcome students and connect them to Campus Church so they can hear and see the Gospel at work throughout the school year.
- You’ll see a proposed agenda below. We ask that everyone who would like to serve on the Mission Trip to Campus would commit to attending the Wednesday evening training and at least one day of outreach activities (Thu, Fri, and/or Saturday).
- Would you and your church would be interested in partnering with us?

Agenda: August 21, 2019 - August 24, 2019

- ➡ Mission Activities Training & Prayer for:
 - Outreach Events
 - Welcome Conversations
- ➡ Prayer Walking
- ➡ Outreach Events
 - Set up and participate in Christian Outreach events
 - Connect with students at University orientation events
- ➡ Welcome Conversations
 - Engage students in 5 Minute Welcome Conversations
 - Inform and invite to upcoming Campus Church events
 - Gather contact information through 30-Second Surveys

Calendar

- ➡ Wednesday 8/21/19
 - 5pm-7pm Training Session

- 7pm-8pm Hendricks Chapel Ice Cream Social

➡ Thursday 8/22/19

- Morning: Prayer walking
- 12pm-1pm: Lunch
- 1pm-5pm Outreach Events and Welcome Conversations
- Frisbee, soccer, volleyball, lawn games on the Quad and near residence halls, etc.
- Freezie pop hand out
- 30-s Surveys
- Tabling to inform about Campus Church
- 5:30-6:30pm Welcome Convocation at Carrier Dome
- 6:30-8:00pm Welcome BBQ on the Quad

➡ Friday 8/23/19

- Morning: Prayer walking
- 12pm-1pm: Lunch
- 1pm-5pm Outreach Events and Welcome Conversations
- Frisbee, soccer, volleyball, lawn games on the Quad and near residence halls, etc.
- Freezie pop hand out
- 30-s Surveys
- Tabling to inform about Campus Church
- 5pm-8pm Dinner
- 9pm-11pm: OrangeBlast Involvement Fair Tabling on the Quad
- Inform about upcoming Campus Church events

➡ Saturday 8/24/19

- Morning: Prayer walking
- 11am-3pm Outreach Events and Welcome Conversations
- Frisbee, soccer, volleyball, lawn games on the Quad and near residence halls, etc.
- Freezie pop hand out
- 30-s Surveys
- Tabling to inform about Campus Church

Missionary of the Week

- Today we want to talk about one of our seminaries - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - and I think you can figure out where it's located? Like the five other Southern Baptist seminaries our church supports, New Orleans trains hundreds of our future pastors, missionaries and church leaders each year. Our church supports all six seminaries through our Cooperative [Program](#) giving. For years, some of the New Orleans faculty and graduates have been helping train

pastors in the South American nation of Colombia. Teams have been trekking into the mountains north of Bogota, the capital city, to lead classes. They have partnered with Scott Lake Baptist Church in Scott Lake, Florida. Three years ago Abel Tovar was one pastor trying to serve five small churches. But Tovar has been busy training pastors, using what he learned from his New Orleans partners. Now there are six local pastors and others in training. The visiting teachers have counted 800 people attending the six churches and during one recent visit, 16 new members were baptized. Today let's pray for Pastor Tovar and the great work he is doing in Colombia. And let's give thanks for the fine folks teaching at New Orleans Seminary, that they don't just stand in the classroom, but also take their teaching where it's needed.

Have You Heard This One?

- The Pastor was growing a bit tired of eating leftovers for dinner. One night they sat down to eat left overs again and the wife was stunned to notice that her husband began to eat without saying grace. “Dear! Aren’t you going to offer thanks before we eat?” He put down his fork and sighed, “If you can point out one thing on this plate that I have not already said thanks for at least twice this week, I’ll be glad to.”