

Hart Beat

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

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- **Hart to Heart**

- Wayne Sibrava, Pastor @ **Living Water, Owego**, leaves tomorrow to join Dr. Rick Martin, who is already in Peru. As you know, CNYBA has a project to begin churches among the Quechua Indians in the Andes Mountains of Southern Peru. We have endorsed Rick Martin to take this project to the next level. Rick and his wife and daughter are moving to Peru later this year under the South American Missions organization. They need monthly financial support in order to accomplish this move. If you have not already, I would encourage you, your church, or any organization within your church to consider supporting this project. Let's remember to pray for Rick and Wayne as they travel to, in, and from Peru.
- Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Good News, Waverly**, where I was privileged to preach for Pastor John Talada, who has been "under the weather" for the last few days. Afterward we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor Talada and his wife Ginger over lunch.
- This past week my wife had another birthday. She caught up with me – for a few months at least. She still looks pretty good - maybe better than I realize. The doctor told me this week that I needed new glasses. No telling how good she'll look when I can see better.
- Beginning this week, the HART BEAT update will be posted on the CNYBA web site (www.cnyba.org) under the Newsletter tab. Some have indicated that the emailed HART BEAT sometimes arrives with all manner of extra symbols and stuff scattered through the text. If this happens, just go to the web site to read this week's update.
- I spent Friday and Saturday in Hawthorne, NJ attending a Coordinators' Workshop for a class I will be coordinating at Davis College this fall. The course, called Perspectives, is a discipleship course seeking to help believers have a more accurate perspective on God's eternal purpose. I took the course on line and would recommend it to any of you.
- Thanks to **Grace, Rome** for hosting the BCNY Disaster Relief training event on Friday evening and Saturday. I talked with our state DR Director, Mike Flannery, and he tells me the training event was a success. I encourage any and all of you to be involved in disaster relief through BCNY when these call outs occur. If you did not get to this week's training event, there are others scheduled around the state, AND you can get on the job training when we actually have a call out.

- This past week we had our first Project Team Meeting for **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**. Church Planter, Ronnie Wyatt, needs to find a job ASAP. Please join me in praying that the Lord will open doors for him and for his wife Michelle – both in the employment area and in the relationship building area.
- Waylen Bray, Pastor @ **Stamford Baptist Church**, is trying to reopen the Emmanuel Camp & Conference Center located up on the hill behind **Maryland Baptist Church**. He needs some volunteer work groups in preparation for the scheduled August 4-9 Camp. Below is a list of jobs they need help with. They also MUST HAVE two American Red Cross certified Responding to Emergencies - or better – on site for the week of Aug 4-9 in order to have camp. Call Pastor Waylen Bray (607-652-7978) if you can help.

General projects:

1. Demolish house trailer – salvaging all usable materials

Cabins:

1. ~~Metal roofing over hot water heaters~~
2. New siding over window holes beside water heaters
3. Replace steps, front & back
4. ~~Repair/replace screen doors, front & back~~
5. Mattresses, cleaned and/or covered

Tabernacle:

1. Replace ramp
2. Replace rotting floor boards
3. Repair/replace railings

Assembly building:

1. Replace roof over pantry – metal roof
2. Replace roof over water area
3. Repair back wall
4. Replace pantry window
5. Repair/replace pantry exit door
6. Replace rotted deck boards
7. Replace ceiling in pantry, bathrooms & kitchen
8. Repair rotted spots in dining room area
9. Find bowl for Toledo mixer – model TM20

- **News From the Churches**

- **West Hill, Ithaca** had a great day today. Two ladies from different backgrounds affirmed their new life in Christ through believers' baptism. They also had IMB missionaries Jon & Doreen Baker (son and daughter-in-law of long time WHCC members Jim & Phyllis Baker) speak about their work in Asia.

Yesterday Pastor Bill Lower officiated at the wedding of Jon & Doreen's daughter Jessica. In three weeks Pastor Lower will also officiate at his son's wedding.

- **Good News, Waverly** will hold their annual church picnic on July 28th. They will hold their regular morning worship service at the park before a picnic style church fellowship lunch. I'm wondering if I should put that on my calendar as well. John Talada is pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Barton** is planning to have their morning worship service at Round Top Park on June 16th followed by a dish-to-pass picnic. Where's my calendar? Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **RiverEdge, Baldwinsville** will continue to meet at 9 AM on Sunday mornings through the summer for live worship before joining the message portion of North Point Church with Pastor Andy Stanley via video feed. Several of their small groups will continue to meet through the summer. Pastor Allan Covington, and his wife Jill, have returned from Wisconsin and the funeral of Jill's mother. We continue to pray for them during these days of grief and transition.
- **Central, Syracuse** started their "Old-Fashioned Revival" on Wednesday night with Southern Baptist Evangelist - Royce Williams. Pastor Milt Kornegay said, "Great attendance - great worship - great sermons - great responses to the sermons!" They also had Pastors' Anniversary Celebration today after morning worship. (17 years Pastor Milt, 10 years for Pastor Parker, and 1 year for Pastor Payne).
- **Eternal Life,** Auburn plans a movie night in June and VBS on July 8th - 12th. David Kreydatus is Pastor
- **Lyons Falls Bible Fellowship Church** had a great day. Over 300 attended their annual carnival. All heard the Gospel and one man, for whom they have been praying for years, asked Christ to save him. The rain stopped as they started and the skies exploded as they put the last bounce house away at the end. Jeff Ford is Pastor.
- **Common Grounds Fellowship** is requesting prayer as they try to buy a vacant building in South Otselic to use as a youth outreach center. Funding is in place. They just need the owner of the building to be willing to sell at a reasonable price. The building is a real "fix'er uper!" If they get the building, they will need some labor help. Mitch Mullenax is Pastor.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** heard the new director of New Hope Family Resources, Martha Raub, speak about the work her organization does. Pastor Matt Hallenbeck says, "I would encourage other churches in our area to see how they can join in the life-changing and life-saving work done by this organization for God's Kingdom."

- **This Week in Preview**

- Mon (3rd) BD Jessica Ford (PW @ Lyons Falls Bible Fellowship Church)
- Mon (3rd) BCNY Strategic Implementation Team meeting @ Davis College
- Mon (3rd) Meeting with Davis College student about ministry opportunities
- Tues (4th) Scaffolding to Agape, Norwich
- Tues (4th) ANV Ken & Sue Fallon (P&W @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- Tues (4th) BD Faith Smith (Assistant PW @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- Thurs (6th) BCNY Committee to Nominate Executive Board Members
- Fri (7th) ANV Tim & Elise Bissell (NAMB Church Planting Catalyst & Wife)
- Sat (8th) ANV Bob & Julie Teachout (Assistant P&W @ Canastota BC)
- Sat (8th) Mission team from Houston, TX arrives at Agape, Norwich

- **1st Sunday – Missionary Story**

TUNISIA — Carthage, Tunisia, was once one of the most influential cities for Christianity, and where the canon of the New Testament was accepted. But various wars and conquests eventually pushed Christianity aside in Tunisia and throughout northern Africa and the Middle East.

The people pushed leader Ben Ali out of the country in January 2011, bringing a revived hope and excitement for the country. Two years later, civil unrest continues and hopes are increasingly dimming.

Ryan Bergman*, a Christian worker in Tunisia, said, “People want to leave because they do not see hope here and have unrealistic ideas of what life would look like in the outside world.”

Unemployment has yet to improve in Tunisia, and as inflation continues to rise, Tunisian’s newfound freedom provides less contentment than desired.

As despondency continues to spread in Tunisia, opportunities have presented themselves to spread a different message of freedom and hope. The story that was once accepted as divinely inspired in Carthage has reawakened in the uncertainty of the Arab Spring.

In Tunisia, Ryan Bergman said, he and his wife have been able to share more openly with neighbors.

“This is a great time to be in Tunisia,” he said. “It is still easy to meet new people and some of them want to talk about topics of importance — how to find a job, how to have a better marriage, how to know God in a personal way.”

**Names changed for security reasons.*

- **Have You Heard This One?**

GOLF, n.

- a game that consists of a lot of walking, broken up by disappointment and bad arithmetic.
- a game of opposites - the world's slowest people are ahead of you, and the fastest are behind.
- a colorful sport that keeps you on the green, in the pink, and financially in the red.
- a game which is allowed to be played on Sunday (under blue laws) because it was not considered a game by the law, but a form of moral effort.
- a game a lot like taxation - you drive hard to get to the green, and then you find yourself in a hole.