

Hart Beat

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

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➤ **Hart to Heart**

- Yesterday we held the 14th Annual Meeting of CNYBA at **Crosspoint Church, Whitesboro**. There were 53 people in attendance. 20 CNYBA churches were represented. The church did a great job hosting the meeting, providing snacks and coffee before, during, and after the meeting – as well as great soups and sandwiches for lunch. During the meeting we adopted a \$53,000 budget and a 2015 calendar. Shawn Salaman (NE), Sue Huber (XNE), and Harold Lefler (SE) were elected to the Leadership Team and Bonnie Novak was elected Moderator.
- During our Annual Meeting we learned of the sudden death of Luke Flannery, 31 year old son of Mike & Beverly Flannery - the Director of Missions in Frontier Baptist Association (Buffalo area). Please lift up this family in your prayers this week.
- During our Annual Meeting we heard via Skype from Rick and Donna Martin, our CNYBA Missionaries to Peru. And for the first time, the Annual Meeting was broadcast on the web. I am told that we did have at least one viewer.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Nueva Esperanza, Syracuse**, where Ariel Ruiz has been pastor since the church began in March 1999. Some of you may not have heard that Pastor Ariel's mother passed away recently from complications after a heart valve replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ariel and his family.

➤ **News From the Churches**

- **Outpouring, Oswego** Fall's Retreat was this weekend! They caravanned to Lake Placid, New York, stayed overnight at a hotel, and hiked a mountain, sharing the Gospel, and getting to know each other better. They are thankful for: 1) Men's group is taking off and becoming much more significant in terms of discussion and number of guys involved 2) Number of students attending Outpouring, and staying after service for discussion and to help out remaining fairly large compared to last semester 3) 14 students signed up at last count for fall retreat, 4) two guest speakers willing to donate their time for the event 5) Zach can study for seminary class on a regular

basis and has maintained a near perfect average on his quizzes and assignments, and 5) Becca's involvement in women's group and worship team.

- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** baptized 6 recently at **Living Water, Owego** – including 2 teenagers and 4 adults. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Inlet CC** had an informational meeting after the morning service today about a mission trip opportunity to Mexico to help build an orphanage. After the information meeting about the mission trip, they held a quarterly business meeting. Finally, tonight they held their first small group meeting. This Sunday they also begin a new series that will trace the story arc of the Bible, giving a helpful framework to understand all of Scripture. The series will provide a simple retelling of the story, from Genesis to Revelation. Phil Huber is Pastor.

• **This Week in Preview**

- 21st ANV James & Juanita Young (P&W @ Gethsemane, Syracuse)
- 22nd BD Doris Best (former PW @ Inlet CC)
- 22nd ANV Brandon & Alainia Owen (P&W @ Missio University, Syracuse)
- 22nd Discipleship Class @ Agape, Norwich
- 25th BD Lori Schneider (APW @ Summit, Cazenovia)

• **Missionary Moments**

A Passion to Reach People

(Washington) As the Send North America: Seattle city coordinator, RON SHEPHERD leads a team in one of the most unreached regions in the United States to start churches that focus on evangelism and Gospel ministry. His focus is on discovering church planters and partners for evangelistic church planting. Ron and PATTY are thankful for your commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission through the Cooperative Program. Your gifts make it possible for Ron to recruit, develop, train and fund churches in these two states. Pray for God to grow and develop strong, healthy congregations that will have a passion to reach people with the Gospel message.

Running to Share Jesus

(Zambia) As a church planter/developer in Kaoma, Zambia, MIKE SMITH, along with his wife, AMY, and their children, makes his home among the Nkoya people. An avid runner, Mike covers about 20 miles per week on foot. As he runs in rural

Africa, young men greet him in various languages and are surprised to hear him answer, amazed that he speaks even a little of their language. During his runs, Mike looks for opportunities to share Christ and prays God will bring His truth to Zambia. Cooperative Program funds help Mike purchase running shoes for his feet that bring the Good News into an area spiritually dark with the practice of witchcraft.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me..'

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says 'HEBREWS'