

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Several of you have either called, texted, emailed, or sent cards while Lyn and I have been trying to fight through the flu, bronchitis, or whatever it was. I think we are on the mend now with only a lingering cough.
- At the end of this month, **Freedom Fellowship, Binghamton** will merge into Calvary Baptist Church in Binghamton, when Freedom Fellowship's current pastor, Bill Deckert, will become pastor of the Calvary church. Pastor Bill is working on a list of items that belong to the association, which have accumulated during the life of Freedom Fellowship and the former Carroll Street Ministry Center. I will be circulating that list to our pastors to see if there are things there that can be used by one of our other churches.
- At the personal invitation of Pastor Bill Lower, pastor at **West Hill, Ithaca** Lyn and I enjoyed a great time of worship and a great time of fellowship afterward during their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Bill Lower has been pastor at West Hill since April 2007.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Northside, Liverpool** in in the midst of an emphasis on family. On Friday and Saturday past they hosted a Family Conference with guest speaker, Dr. Rob Rienow. This week-end Pastor Bruce Aubrey preached the third message in a series called "Putting My House in Order."
- **Clyde BC** has been blessed with two new families. They have also been blessed on two recent Saturdays with prisoners doing community service – painted the church building, raked leaves, and helped in the clothes closet. Roger Knapton is Pastor and Dave Barrows is Assistant Pastor.

➡ This Week in Preview

- 19th BD Bonnie Novak (PW @ Lakeshore, Cicero & CNYBA Moderator)
- 20th ANV Greg & Stephanie Johnson (P&W @ Cornerstone, Endicott)
- 22nd BD Dr Greg Johnson (Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott)

➡ Missionary Moments

- **Reaching College Students**

(Oregon) Though church planting was not originally in JOSH HOWETH's plans, a burden for college students grew in his heart. At the prompting of his church leaders, along with a core group of 30 others, Josh and ELIZABETH planted The Branch Church on the campus of Oregon State University. Your commitment to the Great Commission through the Cooperative Program makes it possible for the Howeths to build and disciple a community of believers amid the 26,000 students on campus. Pray for Josh and Elizabeth as they reach students with the Gospel.

- **Influencing The Athletes**

(East Asia) Thousands of athletes throughout East Asia comprise an unreached people group: people who share a common culture and language and have never heard the Gospel. Living a quarantined and regimented life, the athletes are selected to perform at an early age. Growing up separated from the influence of family and teachers, they look to fellow athletes and coaches — who may lack moral depth — for meaning in life. Thousands of athletes of all ages are congregated in sports schools, gyms and centers, training six to eight hours a day. Cooperative Program gifts enable Southern Baptist workers to live in the area, where they seek ways to share the Gospel with this group.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

One Sunday morning, the pastor said, "Anyone with 'a special need' who wants to be prayed for, please come down to the altar."

Boudreaux went forward and the Preacher asked, "What do you want me to pray about for you?"

Boudreaux replied, "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing."

The preacher grabbed each of Boudreaux's ears with each of his hands, squeezed them real tight and began praying. He prayed and prayed and prayed.

After a few minutes, the preacher removed his hands, stood back and asked, "Boudreaux, how is your hearing now?"

Boudreaux answered, "I don't know. It ain't 'til Thursday."