

Hart Beat

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

30 November 2014

➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Today begins the Week of Prayer for International Missions (Nov 30-Dec 7). If you did not get a prayer guide at church this morning, you can find one at www.imb.org/weekofprayer
- Please be praying for Jayne DePugh (PW @ Newark BC) and her family in the passing of her mother in Memphis, TN.
- This coming Saturday, Dec. 6th, the annual CNYBA Pastors and Wives' Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Broadway Café on the campus of Davis College. John and Dody Martin will provide a musical presentation.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Newark BC**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor John DePugh, who is in TN with his wife, Jayne, attending the funeral services for Jayne's mother. After church we enjoyed a time of fellowship over lunch with deacon Ted Peck and his wife Carol.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **West Hill, Ithaca** kicked off the Week of Prayer for International Missions with the West Hill Lottie Moon spokesperson (who happens to be from Lottie Moon's hometown in Virginia) making 97 Lottie Moon tea cake, using Lottie's recipe, for everyone in attendance today to demonstrate how Lottie Moon won the trust of the Chinese children, which led to the trust of their parents – an example for us today. Another interesting thing I learned today is that Lottie Moon's sending church is also the sending church for West Hill's Lottie Moon spokesperson's son, who is currently serving with IMB.
 - Several of our CNYBA participate in the annual Christmas Child Shoebox program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Below is the number of boxes from each church that I know about.
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| • Agape, Norwich | 2 |
| • Summit, Cazenovia | 16 |
| • Maryland BC | 29 |
| • Beacon Light | 47 |

- Three Pines, Doraville 48
- Living Water, Owego 54
- West Hill, Ithaca 74
- Lyons Falls BC 107
- Stamford BC 258
- Crosspoint, Whitesboro 473
- Northside, Liverpool 545
- **TOTAL 1653**

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 1st CNYBA Leadership Team Meeting

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- **Energized to Share Their Faith Boldly**
(Horn of Africa) A team embarked on a journey in the Horn of Africa over bumpy roads to reach a remote gathering of believers. The journey took longer than anticipated. After arriving late, they were only able to show a portion of the JESUS film and hold brief conversations. The team left discouraged because of their unexpectedly short visit. One week later they received a call from one of the believers who told them that through the film, the 40 trainers who watched it were energized to share their faith boldly, and 100 new believers came to faith. Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provide for the video equipment and vehicles that make such a report possible.
- **Indigenous Leaders for Churches**
(Ohio) JEFF CALLOWAY serves as the city coordinator for Send North America: Cleveland. His role is to find church planters who are indigenous to the area or who are sensing the call to come to Cleveland to plant churches. Jeff also works to enlist churches from all over North America to be partners with new church plants in Cleveland. Because of your commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission through the Cooperative Program, Jeff and his wife, JULIE, are helping start new churches in Cleveland, Ohio, where there is only one Southern Baptist church for every 42,500 people.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A young man had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a

little, and get your hair cut, then we will talk about it." A month later the young man came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said, "Son, I'm real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get a hair cut!" The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know dad, I've been thinking about that. You know Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair." His father replied, "Yes son, and they walked everywhere they went!"