

## **Hart Beat**

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

**14 December 2014**

### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Lyn's knee replacement surgery, which was scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed. They found some abnormalities during the stress test she had this last week. She will have a heart cauterization on Thursday of this week to check the status of the 5 stints she already has and see if there is a need for further stinting before knee surgery can be done.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**, where I was privileged to preach. After church I met briefly with the church members present to talk about a path forward after the pastor search process they employed did not result in the calling of a pastor last Sunday. I will be working with them for at least the next couple of weeks until a decision can be made about how to proceed. Please be in pray for this congregation as they continue seeking a pastor.

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- Pastor Dan Schallmo @ **Summit, Cazenovia** started a new sermon series this morning entitled, "Who Is This Child?". Pastor Dan and his wife, Cindy, hosted a church Christmas party at their home earlier tonight.
- **Renovation, Clay** partnered with a local elementary school, a local café, and Wegman's Supermarket to provide a full Thanksgiving meal for 15 families. They are looking at a possible new location with their own building. Mike Mazzye is Church Planter/Pastor.
- **North Fenton BC** has 6 awaiting baptism. Clint Potter is Pastor.
- **Outpouring, Oswego** reports a high degree of diversity in their Monday game night group. At one recent meeting around Pastor Zach and Rebecca's dining room table there was a person from a Jewish background, a practicing Catholic, an agnostic, and a pagan. They also reported a recent testimony from one of the girls in the Women's group that her involvement with the women's group, helping sing on Sunday mornings, and Pastor Zach's apologetics-focused sermons, all helped her make the faith she learned about in youth group her own this semester. They have 8 students signed up to raise funds and spend their Spring Break in New York City working with various projects of the Metropolitan New York Baptist

Association. Pray for : > support raising for the Neyhard family, and/or Zach securing full-time work at his current job or somewhere else > support raising by the students for their missions trip to NYC in March. If you would like to help with either of these, call Pastor Zach at 315-529-0500.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 18<sup>th</sup> BD Jayne DePugh (PW @ Newark BC)
- 19<sup>th</sup> ANV Rickey & Deanna Fuller (P&W @ Beacon Light, Vernon)
- 19<sup>th</sup> ANV Roscoe & Maryanna Lilly (P&W @ Northstar, Clifton Park)

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

#### • **Life-Changing Disciples**

(Thailand) While on a mission trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand, members of Bethel Baptist Church in Norman, Okla., hosted an English camp for children where IMB missionaries GLENN and MARTHA JENNINGS\* work. The week was filled with songs, crafts and Bible stories as the children learned about God. On the last day, a local Thai pastor clearly shared the Gospel. Nearly all the children — 35 in all — raised their hands saying they wanted to believe in Jesus as Savior. Glenn later led a young teenager to faith in Jesus, too. Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts enable missionaries such as the Jennings to live in Thailand where they can follow up on these life-changing decisions. \*Names changed.

#### • **Not Forgetting the Overlooked**

(New York) Church planters know that it is critical to have churches where people feel connected and where they can grow in their faith. That means churches look different—but their message is the same. As a North American Mission Board church planter, TAYLOR FIELD works to express Christ's love in the Lower East Side of New York City. Your commitment to sharing Christ's love with others through the Cooperative Program allows Taylor and his wife, SUSAN, to serve in the heart of the inner city, reaching out to people who are often overlooked. Pray for Graffiti Church as its members offer people who have fallen through the cracks hope and help with the compassion of Christ.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- I was inspecting communications facilities in Alaska. Since I had little experience in flying in small planes, I was nervous when we approached a landing strip in a snow-covered area. The pilot descended to just a couple hundred feet, then gunned both engines, climbed, and circled back. While

my heart pounded, the passenger beside me seemed calm. "I wonder why he didn't land," I said. "He was checking to see if the landing strip was plowed," the man said. As we made a second approach, I glanced out the window. "It looks plowed to me," I commented. "No," my seat mate said. "It hasn't been cleared for some time." "How can you tell?" I asked. "Because," the man informed me, "I'm the guy who drives the plow."