

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- The best laid plans of mice and men ..... As you know, Lyn's knee replacement surgery was postponed because they found some abnormalities in the stress test she took in preparation for the surgery. A heart cauterization was scheduled for Thursday past. But on Wednesday morning Lyn got out of bed vomiting and running a fever of 102.4. So the heart cauterization was also postponed until she can recover from her second bout of flue this year. She has to be fever free for 24 hours before they will reschedule. We're hoping that will be on Monday morning.
- Lyn stayed in today and I worshipped again with the good folks at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**, where we enjoyed the Children's Christmas Play and some Christmas music – both special music and congregational singing. In a congregational meeting after church services this morning, I accepted the invitation of the church to serve as their interim pastor and, after a settling period, help them through a revised pastor search. However, I will still be available to CNYBA churches whenever needed.
- In the latest report on CNYBA Church missions giving through 11 months of 2014, our churches have given 123,585.65 through the Cooperative Program of the SBC, 62,078.91 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, 24,857.21 to the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering for North American Missions, and 4,697.84 to the Paul James Mission Offering for State Missions.

### ➡ News From the Churches

- **Stamford BC** did Christmas Caroling yesterday afternoon. The group sang at private homes and public facilities, followed by hot chocolate and cookies at the church building afterwards. > Today was their designated day to contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. The church goal is at least \$400. > They will hold a Candlelight Christmas Eve service, which will feature Christmas Carols, Scripture readings, candle light, and a beautiful Poinsettia display in the form of a tree. > On January 4 they will host the music ministry of John and Dody Martin. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

### ➡ This Week in Preview

## ➡ **Missionary Moments**

### **Burdened to Transform Communities for Christ**

- (Nevada) PAUL and JERRY HARWOOD serve Northeast Baptist Association in Elko, Nev., which is an association made up of only 25 churches but is one of the largest associations by area. The association is approximately 55,000 square miles so long distances between churches present a challenge. And of the 85,000 people living across there, studies suggest that nearly 95 percent do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Harwoods are thankful for your prayers and commitment to reach people through the Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® and ask you to join them in praying for healthy churches to have a burden to transform their communities and start more churches. \* Personal Note: I knew the Harwoods when they served in Northern Minnesota while I was starting churches there.

### **Searching for Peace**

- (The Netherlands) Southern Baptist missionaries ROB and KATY DARNELL have discerned a searching for peace among many nonbelievers in their city in the Netherlands. As a result, their team has started a new Bible discussion group. The series consists of six lessons that explore the biblical understanding of peace in the Hebrew word, Shalom. Gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supply Bible study materials for missionaries like the Darnells. Generally people in their city resist anything that includes the word “Bible,” but Katy said she prays seeds of the Gospel will be sown through the study and that people in her city in the Netherlands will find fulfillment in Jesus.

## ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

nTwo gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking meters in a suburban neighborhood.

They parked their truck the end of the alley and worked their way to the other end. At the last house, a woman looking out her kitchen window watched the two men as they checked her gas meter.

Finishing the meter check, the senior supervisor challenged his younger co-worker to a foot race down the alley back to the truck to prove that an older guy could outrun a younger one.

As they came running up to the truck, they realized the lady from that last house was huffing and puffing right behind them. They stopped and asked her what was wrong.

Gasping for breath, she replied, "When I saw two men from the gas company running as hard as you two were, I figured I'd better run too!"