

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Well, maybe I spoke too soon last week when I said I thought spring had sprung. It snowed all day last Tuesday and part of the day on Wednesday up here at the intersection of Anderson Hill and Tulls Corners Roads – mid April!
- Hopefully all of you are getting the HART BEAT this week. It seems that Yahoo upgraded its protocol for mass mailings done through a third party. I think we have the problem solved. You probably see an odd looking email address in the “from” spot. Supposedly using an email address affiliated with our web site solves the problem. Anytime you don’t get the newsletter, check your spam folder. You can always see the newsletter on our web site.
- Don’t forget the CNYBA Executive Board and Mid-year Meeting coming up on Saturday, May 3rd at Living Water, Owego from 9:30 until noon. The church is providing lunch afterward. The Book of Reports for the meeting should be up on the web site by April 28th.
- On Monday evening past I had a good time of fellowship over dinner with Hal Haller, the new State Church Planting Director working with BCNY, Joe Hernandez, NAMB contract worker in Church Planting, Rick Cramer from Davis College, and Mike Flannery, Church Planting Catalyst from Buffalo. Although I am not a CPC, I still am very much interested in church planting and I would like to talk with ANY of you who might be interested in helping start a new church.
- On Wednesday evening past I continued leading the Discipleship Class at West Hill, Ithaca.
- On Thursday evening Lyn and I attended the Maundy Thursday service at Cornerstone, Endicott, which was part of their Holy Week Revival series. After the service we enjoyed a time of fellowship over dinner with Steve Sallis from the Church Growth Division of BCNY.
- On Friday Lyn and I delivered our 37 foot 5th Wheel RV (that we once thought we were going to live in full time) to its new owners, who are putting it in a camp ground near Henderson, NY to use as a camp. We have purchased a smaller, lighter 27 foot pull behind travel trailer to use for our

50th Wedding Anniversary “see everybody we know” vacation this summer – including stops at a family reunion in Arkansas, family and friends in the St. Louis area, friends and church family at the church we started in Bemidji, MN, and family in Michigan. We also plan to use the “camper” across CNYBA in the summers and falls ahead.

- Yesterday I spent some time at the hospital with Clint Potter, Pastor at **North Fenton BC**, who is hospitalized with severe pain in his stomach and side. He is the latest of our CNYBA Pastors and Wives who have been hospitalized in recent weeks. I would ask that you continue to pray for Bonnie Novak, Cherlyn Bray, Waylen Bray, Dan Schallmo, and Clint Potter.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Renovation, Syracuse** where Mike Mazzye is the Church Planter/Pastor. This relatively new congregation normally meets on Sunday evening, but for Easter they met at 10:30 AM at the Holiday Inn on Electronics Parkway.
- Next Saturday, April 26, we will hold the 2nd of our 2014 Spring Leadership Forums at **Emmanuel, Cortland**. We will “test drive” a new format for this Forum based on feed-back from those who attended the previous Forum. This time we will provide lunch and go from 10 AM to 1:30 PM in order to allow more time for discussion. The Forum is free and open to Pastors, all other current Church Leaders, AND potential Church Leaders. If you are interested in learning about or honing leadership skills, just show up. No registering required.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Christ is King, Syracuse** is pleased to announce that their documentary on abortion—Babies Are Murdered Here—is going to air on the NRB Network on May 29 & 30 at 9PM Eastern. The NRB Network can be seen on DirecTV and on the NRB’s mobile app. Babies Are Murdered Here was co-produced by the church plant with Crown Rights Media and partly filmed in Syracuse and Dewitt, NY. R.C. Sproul Jr. is featured prominently in the film. There are no graphic images of abortion in the documentary. You can preview the movie for free via YouTube at www.babiesaremurderedhere.com. Jon Speed is Pastor.
- Pastor Jeff Ford @ **Lyons Falls Baptist Fellowship Church** led a group of 7 on a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. The latest report is that they have given out over \$400 worth of food and saw 7 come to Christ.

- **Beacon Light, Vernon** hosted the Verona Area Council of Churches' Palm Sunday Service last Sunday night. Rickey Fuller is Pastor.
- **Inlet Community Church** has called Phil Huber as Pastor. He and his wife Sue are currently members at **Northside, Liverpool**. He plans to be "on the field" in May, with his wife and 4 children moving to Inlet in June after school is out.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** had a Good Friday service on Friday past, an Easter Fellowship Breakfast this morning at 10:30 and an Easter service at 11 AM. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** had 140 in worship this morning. They baptized 2, a couple who received Christ a few weeks ago. They played the Billy Graham "My Hope" film and had 3 professions of faith and 2 recommitments. Bill Lower is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** had a both a Sunrise Service and a regular service with breakfast in between. Between the two services they had 145 in worship today, which is an all-time record attendance for LBC. Karl Novak is Pastor.
- **Vietnamese, Utica** witnessed one profession of faith and two recommitments in their Saturday night service last night. Liem Do is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** hid 15,000 plastic candy-filled Easter eggs in Schiller Park yesterday. 174 adults registered and approximately 500 kids participated. Pastor Ronnie Wyatt shared the gospel with all of them. They had 17 at their first Easter Sunrise service, also in Schiller Park.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 21st CNYBA Leadership Team Meeting
- 23rd Discipleship Class @ West Hill, Ithaca
- 26th Second CNYBA Spring Leadership Forum @ Emmanuel, Cortland

➡ **3rd Sunday – Missionary Story (Home)**

- (Virginia) Church planter **SERGIO GUARDIA** was born in Virginia, but raised by his single mother in Bolivia. His father shared the Gospel with him as a teenager and, because of the change he saw in his father, he readily accepted the message. After serving as missionaries in Bolivia for just more

than a year, he and his wife came to Lynchburg, Va., to attend Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. He now pastors at Nuevo Amanecer, which is the Hispanic campus for Thomas Road Baptist Church, and has helped to plant another such campus in nearby Danville. The Cooperative Program enables us to partner with more than 46,000 churches to make Christ known. Pray that the largely Latin American congregation in these churches will continue to grow.

◆ **Have You Heard This One?**

Two buddies were out for a Saturday stroll, walking their dogs. One had a Doberman and the other had a Chihuahua. As they sauntered down the street, the guy with the Doberman said to his friend, "Let's go over to that restaurant and get something to drink."

The guy with the Chihuahua said, "We can't go in there. We've got dogs with us."

The one with the Doberman said, "Just follow my lead." They walked over to the restaurant and the guy with the Doberman put on a pair of dark glasses and started to walk into the restaurant.

The waiter at the door said, "Sorry, Mac, no pets allowed."

The man with the Doberman said, "You don't understand. This is my Seeing-Eye dog."

The waiter said, "A Doberman pinscher?"

The man said, "Yes, they're using them now. They're very good."

The waiter said, "OK then, come on in."

The buddy with the Chihuahua figured he'd try it too so he put on a pair of dark glasses and started to walk into the restaurant. He knew his story would be a bit more unbelievable. Once again the waiter said, "Sorry, pal, no pets allowed."

The man with the Chihuahua said, "You don't understand. This is my Seeing-Eye dog."

The waiter said, "A Chihuahua?"

The man with the Chihuahua said, "A Chihuahua?!? A Chihuahua?!? They gave me a Chihuahua??"