

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- Dr. Rick Martin, former CNYBA pastor and current missionary to Peru, at this writing is on a short term mission trip to Peru with a team of folks from CNYBA. They will be serving with a Quechuan pastor Nico Ticonas in the city of Huanta in Northern Ayacucho - leading Bible discussions and sharing testimonies as well as learning more about the culture and needs of the Quecha people. The last half of the trip involves serving alongside Pastor Wilfredo in Ica -preaching in a mission conference and going once again to the village of Llauta to reconnect with the people and hold Bible Studies. Please be praying for this group over the next ten days and for Bro. Rick as he continues to raise funding and leave permanently for Peru in the fall.
- Yesterday, we held the second of our 2014 Leadership Forums at **Emmanuel, Cortland**. There were 16 in attendance. We had a great time of fellowship during the after the forum.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Grace, Rome**, where it was my honor and privilege to preach. At their invitation, we stayed for Sunday School, a fellowship meal, and their quarterly business meeting. During the business meeting they, among other things, elected messengers to the CNYBA Mid-year Meeting and changed the time of their Sunday School and Worship Service back to the standard 9:45 (SS) and 11 AM (Worship). Please continue praying for this congregation as they seek a pastor.
- On the way home this afternoon we stopped by to visit briefly with Dan Schallmo, pastor @ **Summit, Cazenovia**, who is recuperating from bypass surgery. He seems to be recovering nicely. He was not able to be in church today, but believes he will be next Sunday. Let's keep praying for him.
- On the way home today I also talked via phone with Clint Potter, Pastor @ **North Fenton BC**. He is recuperating from a week in the hospital with intestinal and urological issues. He was able to be at church today, though not preaching. Further tests are scheduled this week to try to find a diagnosis and a prognosis. Let's continue praying.

- Pastor Waylen Bray, Pastor at **Stamford BC**, is still recuperating from a stroke, but is back in the pulpit. Praise the Lord. Please continue praying.
- In recent weeks several of our pastoral families have had surgery or dealt with significant health issues. The list continues. Chrissy Lower, Pastor's Wife at **West Hill, Ithaca**, will have surgery this coming Tuesday at the Cortland Hospital.
- Don't forget the CNYBA Executive Board & Mid-year Meeting this coming Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at **Living Water, Owego**. Included on the program will be Lyn Finch, talking about technology that helps churches minister to folks with hearing impairment, AND Ronnie Wyatt, church planter/pastor at **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**. We will begin at 9:55 AM and be done by noon. Living Water is providing lunch.
- Some of you will remember Phil Wright. He is a former member at **Grace, Rome** and Pastor at Jewell Baptist for a time. I just learned that he has written and published a Military/Sci-Fi novel that has the full plan of salvation in the book. The name of the book is "Talon-Cyborg Warrior" and is available on Amazon in paperback and kindle formats.

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Christ Is King, Syracuse** plans a "Church in the Park" outreach this summer. They plan to hold church services in a public park once a month from May through September. Jon Speed is Pastor.
- **Clyde BC** welcomes David Barrows back as Assistant Pastor. He will continue the Bible studies he has begun in Seneca Falls while he resumes his duties at Clyde. Roger Knapton is Pastor.
- **Renovation, Clay** held their Easter Worship service last Sunday at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Lyn and I were in attendance and tried to guess at how many were in attendance. We guessed low. There were over 100 in attendance! Mike Mazzye is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** had at least 3300 in attendance for their special Easter Worship Service at the On Center in Syracuse. They know of, and have followed up on, at least 57 who were saved that day! Over 300 volunteers from Northside served in a variety of ways for this special outreach event.

## ➡ This Week in Preview

- 28<sup>th</sup> Disciple Making Course @ Davis College
- 29<sup>th</sup> Chrissy Lower surgery
- 30<sup>th</sup> BD Cindy Scott (PW @ Canastota BC)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Discipleship Class @ West Hill, Ithaca
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Disciple Making Course @ Davis College
- 3<sup>rd</sup> CNYBA Executive Board & Mid-year Meeting

## ➡ May Ministry Anniversaries

- Milt Kornegay – Pastor @ Central, Syracuse since May 1996
- Rickey Fuller – Pastor @ Beacon Light, Vernon since May 2002
- Jeff Scott – Pastor @ Canastota BC since May 2004
- Dan Schallmo – Pastor @ Summit, Cazenovia since May 2005
- Ken Fallon – Pastor @ Crossroads, Sherburne since May 2005
- Andy Smith – Assistant Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland since May 2009

## ➡ 4th Sunday – The Gospel According to Holly (re-run)

- Chapter fourteen of my evolving book (inspired by my wife's Pomeranian puppy) "The Gospel According to Holly" is entitled **Its Easy to Get Distracted**. Holly never seems to sleep all the way through the night. She wakes up when my wife, or I, turns over during the night. That means she needs to go out. Some nights I feel like a yo-yo. My wife suggested that we close off one side of the house like we do during the day and leave Holly in the kitchen-dining room for the night. So I fixed her a nice bed and slipped on up to bed. She fussed for a while, but finally settled down. Then in the middle of the night she started in again. This time it was more than just fussing. She was waking up the neighbors. When my wife got downstairs, she discovered the problem. Just outside the sliding glass door a field mouse was playing. Holly was beside herself. It reminded me of some Christians I've observed, who get distracted and start making all sorts of noise. They completely forget what they're supposed to be doing, and all their energy is expended on stuff that is not nearly as important as their excited noisy attention would make it seem. It is easy to get distracted. Let's ask the Lord to help us focus on our assignment rather than be distracted by insignificant things.

## ➡ Have You Heard This One?

- A man was on a long walk in the country. He became thirsty so decided to stop at a little cottage and ask for something to drink. The lady of the house invited him in and served him a bowl of soup by the fire. There was a wee pig running around the kitchen, running up to the visitor and giving him a great deal of attention. The visitor commented that he had never seen a pig this friendly. The housewife replied: "Ah, he's not that friendly. That's his bowl you're using."