

Hart Beat

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

20 July 2014

➡ Hart to Heart

- After driving 5209 miles through 12 states (4 of them twice), Lyn, Holly, and I arrived home about 6 PM on Friday evening. Time did not allow us to visit with everyone we wanted to see, nor all those who indicated they wanted to see us. But we had a great time, saw lots of family and friends, and celebrated 50 years of marriage together – although the actual anniversary is not until August 19th. With a computer and a phone I was able to stay in touch, reply to those who needed information and/or other help, publish the newsletter, and preach 3 times. I guess you might call it sort of a “working” vacation.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Three Pines, Doraville**, where Mike Brown has been Pastor since February 2007.
- Some of you have already heard that Dale Suel has resigned as pastor at Amherst Baptist Church and is returning to Texas. Bro. Dale is, or was, President of the Baptist Convention of New York. That means as 1st Vice President, I will now need to assume the responsibilities of President – committee appointments, securing nominees, ect, in preparation for the Annual Meeting in September. This is a late start on the process. If you are asked to serve in some capacity in the BCNY this year, I hope you will prayerfully consider accepting the responsibility. It would be a great help in getting everything done on time.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Common Grounds Fellowship, Beaver Meadow** hosted a Soccer Camp at their local school week before last and had 68 kids and one teen profession of faith. Last week they hosted a mission team from East Lumberton, NC. Their men and teens did some painting. Their ladies and pastor helped CGF with a Back Yard Bible Club and evangelistic visiting. There were 10 professions of faith - 3 adults and 7 kids. In the evenings on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday they held Revival Meetings at Hatch Lake's Camp Shiloh with 3 adults making professions of faith. Mitch Mullenax is Pastor.
- **Mission University, Syracuse** has begun participating in the monthly potluck dinner meeting with the local Neighborhood Preservation

Association in an attempt to get to know the neighbors. > They also recently blessed the teachers of the local school at their teacher appreciation luncheon by gifting each of them some cookies and a small gift card to a local pastry shop. > They have begun a ministry to Chinese college students on Friday nights and hope to either assimilate students into an existing group or start a Chinese group. Brandon Owen is Church Planter/Pastor.

- **Living Water, Owego** has a Dell Laser MFP 1815dn printer free to a good home. Here's a link to a picture of it. <http://www.amazon.com/Dell-1815dn-All-Laser-Printer/dp/B001L1VZZQ>. > Pastor Wayne Sibrava will be leading a mission team back to Peru on December 3-16 to support and encourage Pastor Rick and Donna Martin in language school, to also make further connections with brothers and sisters in Ayacucho and Huanta, as well as to do ministry in the local church and Christian school there. > If you can use the printer and/or want more information about the mission trip, contact Pastor Wayne Sibrava at wsibrava@stny.rr.com or 607-760-8142.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero**, with the assistance of a wonderful mission team from the Calhoun County Mississippi Baptist Association and a sizable expenditure of approximately \$7,000, has cleaned up and expanded the back of our property into a two acre lawn that will be suitable for a variety of recreational and ministry opportunities. Entering into such a project at a time when offerings have been somewhat under budgeted expectations was a little nerve wracking, but God has done it again with a totally unexpected one Sunday offering of \$13,000! > They have just completed their first LBC Basketball Camp. Led by Dexter Terry, their intern and former most valuable basketball player at Davis College, they averaged about 30 children per night and the overall interest level has been excellent! Several of the children plan to attend their VBS which began tonight. > They have 5 folks scheduled for baptism on July 27th, and a total of 8 are planning to join LBC that day. > Alyssa McMahan, another Davis College student, has started a Bible study in the McMahan home on Tuesday nights and had 18 in attendance this past Tuesday. > Summer worship attendance is holding up well averaging 90-100. Karl Novak is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 23rd BD Andy Smith (AP @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- 23rd Stewardship Seminar @ Cornerstone, Endicott
- 29th BD Wayne Sibrava (Pastor @ Living Water, Owego)

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

- (Maine) **DON COLDWELL** is a church planting intern in his home state of Maine. Mainers are an extremely independent group of people. They take care of themselves in every way possible and feel no need for any spiritual growth or upkeep. The church is no longer considered useful in Maine. That is why Don, his wife, **LAURIE**, and their three children are looking to impact Maine by planting churches. Pray that Don and Laurie will have the fortitude to keep working the fallow soil of Maine. Pray, also, that the two Haitian children they are adopting will be with them soon. The Cooperative Program enables missionaries to serve in the hard places both near and far away.

◆ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Grandma, who appeared to become an ever-more intimidating personality as the years went on, was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife:
"You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."
"Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?" the grandson asked.
"You're coming empty handed ... ?"