

Hart Beat

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

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► Hart to Heart

- Billie Winskie, our CNYBA Treasurer for the past 18 years, has informed me that she would like to retire – at least from the bookkeeping chores. This will be on the agenda at this week's CNYBA Leadership Team meeting.
- The 45th Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of New York will be held at the Grace Baptist Church in Nanuet, NY on September 29-30. On Saturday, Sept 27th, there will be a Women's Mission Celebration held at Grace Baptist Church. On Sunday evening, Sept 28th, there will be a time of Fellowship and Worship at the near-by French Speaking Baptist Church in Spring Valley, NY. I would like to see a good representation of CNYBA churches in these meetings.
- The 13th Annual Meeting of Central New York Baptist Association will be held at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** on Saturday, October 18th. We will hear two International Missionaries during the course of the meeting. The name of the first cannot be published because of security concerns, but he will be free to talk with us in the meeting about his work. Our second missionary speaker will be Dr. Charles Brock, retired IMB Missionary to the Philippines and founder of Church Growth International Ministries. He will share with us about his time in the Philippines, but also about his latest initiative he calls "The Fisherman's Club." Knowing Charles as I do, I am confident that we will go away challenged.
- On Wednesday evening past I enjoyed the second in a nine week discipleship series I'm leading at **Agape, Norwich**. Pray for this church as they embrace discipleship and disciple making. John Jablonskie is the interim pastor.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Eternal Life, Auburn**, where David Kreydatus has been pastor since June 2008. During the service Pastor David asked me to share with the congregation about the association. I am always thankful when pastors give me the opportunity to educate regarding CNYBA and the role the association has in providing a tool for the local church to use in obeying the mandate from the Lord to be involved in world-wide missions – beginning right here at home.

- After church today, Lyn and I drove on up to Clyde, picked up one of the CNYBA tents, and took it to the pole barn in North Fenton for winter storage.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Northside, Liverpool** will begin the Fall semester of FAITH evangelism outreach on September 24. They have been using this tool for more than 10 years. > Pastor Bruce Aubrey continued his sermon series, “Follow” (from the Gospel of Matthew) this week-end.
- This morning Ronnie Wyatt, Church Planter @ **The Neighborhood Church**, Syracuse spoke at **West Hill, Ithaca**. Pastor Bill Lower reports that they had a great day.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today – ANV Jim & Pam Hundley (P&W @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- 15th – BD Tim Bissell (NAMB Church Planting Catalyst)
- 16th CNYBA Leadership Team

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- **Staggering Numbers of Unchurched**
(Alabama) One glance around the community in central Alabama reveals a church on every corner, yet the number of unchurched people is staggering. ChristPoint Community Church is truly a community church, which is reflected in the diversity of those who attend its services. Families from various races, economic statuses, social statuses, church backgrounds and maturity come together for worship. North American missionaries BRYAN and LAURA TAUNTON rejoice in your commitment to fulfill the Great Commission by giving through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Pray for ChristPoint members to be empowered and equipped to work for the Kingdom of God.
- **Evening: Evening: A Focused Heart**
(India) Southern Baptist representative IRENE WAYNE* develops strategies to share the Gospel in two states and one city in northern India. While she works to reach all the people groups in that area, personally, her heart is focused on the Sikhs. Differing from Hindus, Sikhs believe there is only one god and that through reincarnation they can return to their god as they meditate, do good works and “buy god’s grace.” However, IRENE has never

met a Sikh who can define what their “god’s grace” actually means. Cooperative Program gifts support the life and work of representatives such as IRENE who are beginning to see Christian believers among hard-to-reach peoples. *Name changed.

◆ **Have You Heard This One?**

A funeral director asked a bagpiper to do him a favor and play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

The bagpiper was not familiar with the backwoods and got lost. When he finally arrived an hour late he saw that the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

He felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. He went to the side of the grave and looked down and the concrete vault lid was already in place. He didn't know what else to do, so he started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. He played like he'd never played before for this homeless man with no family or friends. As he played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep.

- When he finished and was putting the bagpipes in the car, he heard one of the workers say, "I've never seen anything like that before - and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."