

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- While watching a live news report about the winter weather in Washington D.C. from the Capital steps, it was so cold I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.
- Bob Teachout, leader of one of our Oneida Bible Studies, wants to know if he could share a ride with someone going to the SBC Meeting in June. If so, contact Bob directly at 315-638-8423 or saltcitybaptist@aol.com.
- I hope many of you will plan to attend the upcoming “Keep the Fire Burning” Conference at **Northside, Liverpool** March 6-8. You will be blessed and challenged.
- Plans are coming together for a Mission Vision Trip to St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Currently two CNYBA Pastors and I plan to spend three days in mid-March with Church Planter John Smith to see what and how folks from CNYBA churches might help in planting a church. Be much in prayer.
- On Monday past, I met with Tim Bissell (Church Planting Catalyst), Stephen Mangar (Pastor @ Bhutanese, Syracuse, and Bhim Rai (a church planter starting another Bhutanese church in Scranton, PA). Bhutanese, Syracuse is sponsoring the new work in Scranton. It looks like they will want to become a part of CNYBA. I will be visiting their services as soon as my schedule will allow. Let’s lift this young church planter, his wife and family, and his new church plant up in prayer.
- Lyn and I intended to worship with the good folks at **Nueva Esperanza** this morning, but when we arrived just in time for the service, none was there. I called Pastor Ariel Ruiz and found out they were meeting at noon today, rather than their normal time. There wasn’t time to make it to another service in time, so we had our own worship and prayer time in the car.
- This afternoon, we attended the memorial service for 30 year old Ryan Cunningham @ **Northside, Liverpool**. Ryan was the son of Greg Cunningham, one of the pastors at Northside. Please keep this family in your prayers.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Living Water, Owego** had one come forward for baptism this morning. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** baptized two today. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 26th BCNY DOM Meeting
- 28th Open Bible Fellowship
- 29th BD Sam Macri – Pastor @ Cross Point, Whitesboro

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Poland] IMB missionary TED HOLMES tells of a Penglish (Polish- English) camp where 70 youth experienced daily Bible study, English classes, worship and community. Toward the end of the week, spiritual conversations were lasting long into the evening. Seventeen youth made commitments to follow Christ. Ted, members of a local church and other Christian workers continue to work with these teenagers. Some are now attending weekly Bible study. Pray that God will strengthen their faith and use them to bring others to Christ. Thank you for giving through the Cooperative Program so teenagers in Poland can have eternal life.
- [Michigan] MIKE DURBIN, a Michigan native, serves in Detroit as a church planting catalyst on the Send North America: Detroit strategy team. He works to push back lostness in the Detroit Metro Area and in Windsor, Canada, by enlisting, equipping and encouraging church planters to plant in places where there are few evangelical churches and among people groups who are unreached or under-reached. Despite the recent downturn in Detroit's economy, it remains the most influential city in Michigan. Pray for Mike and his wife, SHAR, as they advance God's kingdom in Detroit, and give generously through the Cooperative Program.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- It was the toughest experience of my life. First, I got angina pectoris and then arteriosclerosis. Just as I was recovering from these, I got tuberculosis, double pneumonia and phthisis. Appendicitis was followed by tonsillectomy. These gave way to aphasia and hypertrophic cirrhosis. I completely lost my memory for a while. I know I had diabetes and acute ingestion, besides gastritis, rheumatism, lumbago and neuritis. Realizing that perhaps I might do better with another doctor, I made an appointment at new medical office. The receptionist had me fill out forms that included my medical history. I don't know how I pulled through it. It was the hardest spelling test I've ever had.