

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- On Monday evening past our CNYBA Leadership Team met via Go-to-Meeting (internet) in preparation for yesterday's Annual Meeting. I want to personally thank those who have been willing to serve on this important team, especially Steve Sallis, who has done an excellent job serving as our Moderator.
- On Friday past, at the invitation of one of the men at Open Bible Fellowship, Lyn and I attended a Gideon Pastors' Appreciation Dinner as part of a week-end New York state convention of Gideons. These business and professional men do an excellent and amazing job of placing Scripture in the hands of people of all walks of life in many countries around the world. Truly a worthy cause.
- Yesterday the CNYBA Annual Meeting was held at **Transformacion, Syracuse**. Pastor Pedro Abreu and his folks did a tremendous job hosting us. We heard from five missionaries serving in various roles. Our hearts were blessed and challenged.
- During the business session the association voted to adopt a \$62,214.00 budget (with \$58,000 projected to come from our churches), elected Jeff Ford and Bill Lower to fill unexpired terms on the Leadership Team, elected Lary Hyde to a full three year term on the Leadership Team, authorized the Leadership Team to fill the other two three-year term vacancies on the Leadership Team, and adopted a 2017 calendar. If you missed the meeting, the Book of Reports is posted on our CNYBA web site.
- Just to clear up something I said at the annual meeting: Our churches gave a total of 62,777.35 in the last 12 months with an additional income from other sources of 5,104.00 for total revenue in the last 12 months of 67,881.35. Our Leadership team recommended and the association adopted a budget with 58,000 projected income from our churches and another 4,214.00 from other sources for a total projected income for 2017 of 62,214.00 – or 5,667.35 less than actual revenues for the past 12 months. When we get to the end of the year I'll give a report using actual figures for the calendar year.
- After lunch Lyn and I were surprised with testimonies of some funny stories, as well as some kind and gracious words, about our twenty years of service here. I almost felt like I was at a retirement party that I had not authorized. We do love and appreciate you all and feel blessed to be able to serve you and the Lord in such a beautiful place. To God be the glory.

- After the association meeting, Lyn rode home with John & Kitty Sheehy and I stayed overnight at the invitation of Dan & Cindy Schallmo, who hosted our missionary from the Virgin Islands in their home over the week-end. I had a great time resting and fellowshiping on Saturday evening.
- This morning, John Smith (from St. Croix) spoke at **Summit, Cazenovia** while I visited the morning worship service at **Baptist Campus Ministry on the campus of Syracuse University** (formerly University Baptist Church), where Devon Bartholomew has been our student ministry leader since August 2013.
- This afternoon I brought John Smith home with me and he spoke tonight at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where I'm serving as church planter/pastor. After church I took him back to Hotel Schallmo's for the night. Earrrrly in the morning I'll take Pastor John to the airport and then head for home.
- On Tuesday of this coming week, Lyn and I will fly to Arkansas for a family reunion. We'll return the following Tuesday. There may not be a HART BEAT report next week. I may not be able to get a signal that far into the woods.

## ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Inlet CC** had a baby dedication this moprning during worship. They also had the first of their fall-winter-spring third Sunday fellowship meals. After the fellowship meal they held their quarterly church meeting.
- In August, twenty two **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** church members went on a seven-day mission trip to Haiti, which is often considered to be the poorest country in the world. The team was housed at the LaCroix mission school complex, where they hosted a two-day VBS which drew about 1700 kids for fun games, the Jesus Film, and lunch for all. Pastor Sam taught a three-day, 4-hour pastor's conference on discipleship and evangelism to 48 local Haitian pastors and preached six revival sermons to the community. Several team members oversaw, trained, and helped local masons construct a vocational sewing classroom 35x90'. Others parged cement floors in three high school classrooms and painted walls. Several team members went into a mountain village to repair a water well so the local people would no longer have to walk miles to get water to drink. The team led four food distributions which provided over 1,200 families with food for a month. They did door to door evangelism in two communities, and showed the Jesus film to a total of 2000 people. Salvations were seen at each evangelistic event. The team personally met with 35 of the 44 children whose Christian education is being sponsored by Crosspointers. They delivered backpacks containing school supplies to each of them. Their parents were given gifts and food items. Some of the

sponsored children were visited in their homes. One team member described that experience like this: *I had an opportunity to visit the home of the 4-year-old boy that Linda and I had sponsored for school at the mission. The hut was a total of about 180 sq. ft. consisting of 3 rooms, mom's bedroom (no father), the 4 children's shared bedroom, and a small room that was where they ate. The food is cooked outside on charcoal. The floors are dirt and rock, the walls are deteriorating and cracked blocks. There is no running water, no electricity, no bathroom and the temperature outside is 92-100 and humid. The temperature inside the hut is higher than that because the tin roof gets so hot. I came away thanking God that he has blessed me the way that he has.* A second trip to Haiti is being planned, but the date has not yet been set. Sam Macri is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today – BD Deanna Fuller )PW @ Beacon Light, Vernon)
- Today – BD Gary Culver (Pastor @ Emory Chapel, Waverly)
- Mon – BD Ginger Talada (PW @ Good News, Waverly)
- Fri – ANV James & Juanita Young (P&W @ Gethsemane, Syracuse)

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Maine] MARILYN MCCLENDON serves as a collegiate ministry coordinator in Maine. She shares the gospel with college-aged young adults who are not part of any evangelical ministry, providing opportunities for them to connect with other students for conversation, Bible study, worship, discipleship and more. Maine has 42 higher education campuses, and less than one third provide any type of evangelical ministry. Only 3 percent of the population of Maine acknowledges a church affiliation, and less than 1 percent of those profess faith in Christ. The work, though a blessing, can be difficult and discouraging. Pray that college students would have soft hearts toward the gospel and that campus administrators would be open to evangelical ministry on campus.
- [South America] When KATHY thought about the Amazon region, all she could picture were anacondas, piranhas and jaguars. She had zero interest in living in such a place. But after Kathy prayed for unreached people groups in the Amazon jungle for 10 years, God showed her that's exactly where He wanted her to go so she could reach those people with the gospel message. God has led Kathy, a single 63-year-old missionary, through a journey of obedience and courage so she could share His love with unreached peoples in the Amazon. Thank you for supporting her ministry through your giving to the Cooperative Program.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- To tell the weather, go to the back door and look for the dog. If the dog is at the door and wet, it's probably raining. If the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it's probably raining really hard. If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's probably windy. If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing. Of course to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time – especially if you're expecting bad weather. Sincerely, The Cat.