

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- The 2016 CNYBA Annual Meeting will be held at Transformation, Syracuse on Saturday, October 15th from 9:45 AM to 12:45 PM. The church will provide lunch after the meeting. We will have 4 missionary speakers (including John Smith, the church planter we are working with in St. Croix) and special guest, Carlos Rodrigues, Church Planting Catalyst for Puerto Rico. The GPS address is 620 W. Genesee St – Syracuse, NY.
- Lyn and I spent Sunday evening through Tuesday morning attend in the Baptist Convention of New York Annual Meeting at Word of Life in Schroon Lake, NY. We enjoyed beautiful scenery, great facilities, and some wonderfully inspiring and challenging messages.
- I spent a couple days getting ready to replace the front door of the house with a six foot sliding glass door. With the help of my good friend, Elton Winskie, we moved all the electrical switches and made preparation for possible extra circuits latter. I hope to finish the preparation stage, get the door up on the porch, and unpack it on Monday and Tuesday morning. Wednesday looks like the day I cut a 6 foot by 7 1/2 foot hole in the side of the wall. Lyn is looking for some place to be on Wednesday.
- On Thursday evening we enjoyed another great time of fellowship around the coffee pots, crock pots, and the Word of God with 29 in attendance.
- This morning Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Crossroads, Sherburne**, where Ken Fallon has been pastor since May 2005. After church we took a look at their new camping area they have created across the tracks and down by the river. Beautiful spot!
- This after noon I had a meeting with our St. Croix VBS Mission Trip Team. We have 11 folks from five churches on the team. We'll be going to St. Croix, Virgin Islands on December 29 thru January 5. I'm already talking to another church planter on St. Johns about a Prayer Walking missin trip there maybe next Spring or early summer.
- Tonight, we worshipped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I am serving a church planter/pastor.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Lakeshore, Cicero** is holding a Family Fall Festival next Saturday, October 8th from 11 Am – 5 PM. There will be free games, activities, crafts, face painting, bounce house, food, baked goods, vendors and crafters. Free Admission. Mike McMahon is Pastor
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** received one new member on statement of faith last Sunday. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Crossroads, Sherburne** is rejoicing with Pastor Ken Fallon, who has finished his Master's degree in Counseling. He is working on a PhD in counseling and they have opened a Christian counseling service called SoulCare Counseling.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – BD Jon Speed
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship
- Sat – Session 3 – Discipleship Seminar @ Stamford BC

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Central Asia] In the mountains and valleys of a Muslim Central Asian country, Christian aid worker, GARY WARRIOR,* and his team are helping meet people's physical and spiritual needs. It often takes a long time for someone to come to know Jesus, and those who do face persecution from their family and community. But slowly, Gary is seeing Muslim people come to Christ and become excited to share the gospel. He is grateful for the faithful givers to the Cooperative Program who helped his team plant five house churches that still meet today. Pray for the country's key leaders to accept the truth of the gospel of Christ.
- [Utah] BOBBY and LINDSAY WOOD are church planting missionaries serving near Salt Lake City. Their new congregation of young families and college students meets in a rented performance arts theater near downtown Ogden. Nearly 98 percent of the people in Utah are lost, believing either a false gospel or nothing at all. Your support of the Woods, and other missionaries in and around the Salt Lake City area, through the Cooperative Program is changing that. Pray that the Woods will form relationships within the community through their many outreaches and that many lives will be changed by professing faith in Jesus.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A man is in bed with his wife when there is a rat-a-tat-tat on the door. He rolls over and looks at his clock, and it's half past three in the morning. "I'm not getting out of bed at this time," he thinks, and rolls over. Then, a louder knock follows. "Aren't you going to answer that?" says his wife. So he drags himself out of bed and goes downstairs. He opens the door and there is a man standing at the door. It didn't take the homeowner long to realize the man was drunk. "Hi there," slurs the stranger. "Can you give me a push?" "No, get lost. It's half past three. I was in bed," says the man and he slams the door. He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened. "Dave, that wasn't very nice of you," she says. "Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from the babysitter, and you had to knock on that man's house to get us started again? What would have happened if he'd told us to get lost?" "But the guy was drunk," says the husband. "It doesn't matter," says the wife. "He needs our help and it would be the Christian thing to help him." So the husband gets out of bed again, gets dressed, and goes downstairs. He opens the door, and not being able to see the stranger anywhere, he shouts, "Hey, do you still want a push?" And he hears a voice cry out, "Yeah, please." So, still being unable to see the stranger, he shouts, "Where are you?" "I'm over here," the stranger replies, "on your porch swing."