

## Hart Beat

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

9 October 2016

### ➡ Hart to Heart

- The 2016 CNYBA Annual Meeting will be held at Transformation, Syracuse on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.
- The Book of Reports for the CNYBA Annual Meeting should be posted to the CNYBA web site by Wednesday.
- Things are pretty well set for our primarily VBS Mission trip to St. Croix, Virgin Islands December 29 – January 5. We are asking our churches to set up some sort of prayer support for this trip – begin praying now (weekly) and pray more frequently (daily) while we are on the trip. Let me know if you would lead such a project in your church.
- I'm exploring the possibility of a primarily Prayer Walking mission trip to St. John, Virgin Islands sometime next year if we have 4 to 6 people interested. I had a conversation with church planter Terry Lansdale, who was at our recent BCNY Annual Meeting. If you would consider being a part of such a team, let me know.
- It looks like fall is going by as fast as Summer. We're trying to get as much done on the house as possible before bad weather sets in. With the help of some guys from **Open Bible Fellowship**, we were able to get the old front door replaced with a new sliding glass door – much more light in the living room. Look like that may be the last major project for the season, except I am trying to get at least one coat of stain on the barn before bad weather.
- Yesterday I led the third of a three part nine hour discipleship workshop at **Stamford Baptist Church**, where Waylen Bray has been pastor since November 1977.
- This morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at West Oneonta Baptist Church, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Aamir Din, one of my former students at Davis College.

- Tonight Lyn and I worshiped with our folks at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where I am serving as church planter/pastor. Our music man had car trouble in Maryland, where he and his family were visiting, and was not able to make it back for service tonight, but Lyn played hymns on the piano that's in the auction hall and we made do without our usual music.

## ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will sponsor a Fundraiser for Pastor Gary & Margaret to help with his medical expenses on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Athens American Legion from 1:00 PM to 5:00PM. The fundraiser will include Chinese auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a chicken & biscuit dinner. The cost will be \$5 for kids 10 years and under, \$7 for everybody else.
- **North Fenton BC** has called for the ordination of their Pastor, Rodney Kochmanski, to the gospel ministry. The service will be held as part of the morning worship service on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** partnered with Young Life to host a "Flannel & Flapjacks" mid-term study break for Cazenovia College this past Thursday. Ryan Zarbatany (Worship Pastor @ Summit) a.k.a. "Chef Zarb", served eggs, bacon, and a variety of flapjacks. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.

## ➡ **October Ministry Anniversaries**

- Sam Macri – Pastor @ Crosspoint, Whitesboro since Oct 1990
- James Young – Pastor @ Gethsemane, Syracuse since Oct 2003
- Matt Hallenbeck – Pastor @ Bellewood, Syracuse since Oct 2005

## ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Mon – BD Mike Brown (Pastor @ Three Pines, Doraville)
- Mon morning – Open Bible, Catatonk Advisory Team
- Mon evening – CNYBA Leadership Team
- Wed – BD Jan Lefler (PW @ Fellowship, Norwich)
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible Study
- Fri – Gideon State Pastors' Dinner & Program
- Sat – CNYBA Annual Meeting

## ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Denmark] In a place where happiness is measured by the well-being of its citizens, Danes are generally content, says IMB worker BRAD SMITH.\* They also seem generally content with the notion that there is no God. In fact, it's a rather

embarrassing topic, as if they've moved on from such a story. Though Denmark is regarded as a Christian nation, postmodernism—the realization that any one system can't fix every problem—gets carried into a post-Christian thinking that there is no absolute truth. To reintroduce Jesus into this culture is a challenge for the church, one that must first be met by prayer. Your prayers and support of the Cooperative Program can bring the gospel to the Danish people.

- [Louisiana] RYAN and SEANÉ RICE are church planting missionaries in New Orleans. They love the city and the people. Their vision is to see a multicultural church full of disciplined believers who immensely love God, people and their city. Years ago Hurricane Katrina devastated the city, both physically and spiritually. Since that time, much has been done in the way of physical rebuilding. But much work remains to be done in the way of spiritual building and rebuilding. This can happen through missionaries like Ryan and Seané and your gifts to the Cooperative Program. Pray for the Rice family as they reach out to their community doing neighborhood cleanup, movies in the park and apartment ministry.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Four expectant fathers were in a Minnesota hospital waiting room while their wives were in labor. The nurse comes in and tells the first man, “Congratulations, you're the father of twins.” “What a coincidence!” the man exclaims. “I work for the Minnesota Twins baseball team.” The nurse returns a short while later and tells the second man, “You're the father of triplets.” Wow, what a coincidence!” he replies. “I work for the #M corporation.” When the nurse comes in again, she tells the third man that his wife has given birth to quadruplets. “Another coincidence!” he tells her. “I work for the Four Seasons Hotel.” At this point the fourth father faints. When he comes to, the others asks him what was wrong. He moans, “I work for Seven Eleven!”