

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Pastor Jon and Kim Speed (Christ is King, Syracuse) has been blessed with a new baby girl this past week. Kim has been having some blood pressure problems as the result of the pregnancy. Let's keep these servants of the Lord uplifted in prayer.
- Lyn and I had lunch with Pastor Gary Culver (Emory Chapel, Waverly) and his wife, Margaret, this past week and I'm happy to report that he is doing better than doctors expected. His bone cancer seems to be in remission. He is still on meds and regular follow-up doctors' appointments. He continues to preach.
- Pastor Bob Teachout (Faith, Oneida) has been back in the hospital this week with afib. At the moment he is out of the hospital and is hoping to control the afib with new medication.
- I will have another cataract surgery in the morning – this time on my left eye. I expect to be back at it on Tuesday. Prayer appreciated.
- This morning Lyn and I had actually intended to worship at Gethsemane, Syracuse, but when we arrive at 10:50 AM we saw the sign that indicated worship began at 10 AM. We quickly changed course and rushed over to Christ is King, Syracuse, where Jon Speed has been pastor since the church began in September 2011. We'll get back to Gethsemane next week.
- After church at Christ is King church, we went by Crouse Hospital and visited with Kim Speed. They just about have her blood pressure under control and she hopes to go home tomorrow.
- Tonight, we worshiped with the good folks at Open Bible, Catatonk, where I serve as Church Planter/Pastor. We used our new 60" flat screen TV for power point for the first time tonight. In addition, the sound system on permanent loan to us from Pastor Wayne Sibrava and Living Water, Owego, was better tweaked by Lary Hyde tonight so that we are reaching the point of just about having all bugs worked out so the worship service flows more smoothly. Tonight we had 29 in attendance, with several out for one reason or another. On December 4th we are planning a "Family and Friends Day" when we will have Children's Church for the first time and be shooting for at attendance of 50.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Open Bible, Catatonk** held a packing party on Tuesday evening past to finish packing shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program. At the end of the night 104 boxes had been packed and readied for shipment. This coming Thursday evening they will have a Thanksgiving service, which will include Scripture, prayer, testimonies, and a meal, complete with turkey and all the trimmings. Ed Hart is Church Planter/Pastor.
- **Lyons Falls BC** participated in the Reverb all night teen event over Friday night past. As far as I know, all the adults survived. They have packed 79 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child initiative. Jeff Ford is Pastor.
- **Grace, Rome** reports that they have packed 34 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child initiative. They will have a Thanksgiving Dinner next Sunday evening at 5 PM. Trent Williams is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** held a packing party for their annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child initiative yesterday. 150 shoeboxes were packed and more will be packed this week. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** baptized three new believers today using the baptismal of **Bellewood, Syracuse**. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor @ TNC and Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor @ BBC.
- Seven men from **West Hill, Ithaca** attended the Iron Sharpens Iron Conference in Syracuse on Yesterday. Today they had one person recommit their life to Christ in the morning worship service. Bill Lower is Pastor
- Pastor Dan Schallmo and several men from **Summit, Cazenovia** attended the Iron Sharpens Men Conference in Syracuse yesterday.

➡ This Week in Preview

- Mon – Pastor Ed's second cataract surgery.
- Sat – BD Bonnie Novak
- Sat – Propel Conference in Rochester

➡ Missionary Moments

- [Peru] IMB missionary JOSHUA MURPHREE takes Christians on extreme backpacking trips into the mountains of Peru in order to share the gospel with the Northern Conchucos Quechua people. Your giving through the Cooperative Program supports his ministry. Joshua says, "We are thankful for the faithful prayers of our prayer partners who covered us in prayer as we traveled. Those prayers helped us blaze trails for future backpacking teams who will serve alongside us here in Northern Conchucos." As they hiked, they found some believers and pastors of existing churches who cannot read. Your giving will help provide oral Bible stories from God's Word that will be available in their heart language.
- [Canada] BRETT and KATHRYN PORTER have called Canada home since 2005. They moved to the Greater Toronto Area to plant The Sanctuary Mississauga. Now Brett serves as NAMB's Send City missionary for Toronto. Brett helps build a partnership network with established missional churches in the U.S. to catch the vision for churches planting churches and to provide a support system for new planters in a city where the evangelical Christian population is little better than 3 percent. Your Cooperative Program dollars are working to discover, develop and deploy church planters and partners to Toronto. Pray that people in Toronto would find the gospel irresistible and for more planters and partners in ministry to Toronto.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A woman and her husband interrupted their vacation to go to the dentist. "I want a tooth pulled, and I don't want any pain killers because I'm in a big hurry," the woman said. "Just extract the tooth as quickly as possible, and we'll be on our way." The dentist was quite impressed. "You're certainly a courageous woman," he said. "Which tooth is it?" The woman turned to her husband and said, "Show him your tooth, dear."