

## Hart Beat

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

**20 November 2016**

### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Man! From 70 degrees to snowing. What a difference a day makes. I went down the hill to set up for tonight's service at OBF and had trouble getting back up the hill. We took the 4WD pickup down for services.
- Please remember to continue to pray for the start-up of the International Learning Center in Syracuse, which will be led by Kate Bartholomew. The plan is to have volunteer teacher trainings in mid-January and to begin classes the last week of January/first week of February. So far they have 3 or 4 teachers signed up. And a lot of people at churches around the state are on board to prepare craft kits for the Bible story Reading Club. They will not sign up students until a few weeks before classes begin. A solid amount of interest is foreseen.
- On Friday afternoon I went by Home Central and picked up a couple of pieces of insulation to complete the sliding door installation and somehow I must have inhaled some of the particles. By Friday evening I had an almost constant cough. I tried everything I could think of on Saturday to clear it up, but the only result has been that I've lost my voice – hopefully temporarily.
- For the first time in a long time, we stayed home this morning. I was not feeling well at all and Dr. Lyn thought I should stay in and try to be able to go to **Open Bible Fellowship** tonight. I've tried all kinds of things during the day, but still can hardly speak above a whisper. Looks like I'll be going to the doctor in the morning – weather permitting.
- Tonight, Lyn and I worshipped with the good folk at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Part of tonight's service was a memorial for Sharon Harper, one of ladies who passed away recently. In spite of the weather, and several couples stranded at home, we had 25 people out for the memorial service. The parade of OBF folks headed to Florida and Virginia, for various lengths of time, has begun with one family already on the way. When I pastored before, I always had to contend with the "summer slump". Now I guess it will be the "winter slump."

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Stamford BC** packed 204 shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child. They are also a collection station for other churches in the area who are participating. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Christ is King, Syracuse** will be doing Thanksgiving food and Christmas gift baskets again this year. They will also participate in a community Thanksgiving dinner being coordinated by the local Wesleyan Church. Jon Speed is Pastor
- **Three Pines, Doraville** reports packing 60 shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program. Mike Brown is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** was able to pray for and share the gospel with many in October through a bread ministry and Halloween outreach. They have also began a Good News Club in Franklin Elementary School where 40 students attend an afterschool program.. They have also started a Discipleship Training Class on Wednesday nights. Although this church ministers to mostly those in poverty, Pastor Ronnie Wyatt has challenged them to give \$150 to Lottie Moon.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a Thanksgiving pot-luck dinner after church today. Unfortunately, I could not attend. Dan Schallmo is Pastor
- **Bhutanese Community, Syracuse** had a Thanksgiving Dinner today at 4 PM. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. Stephen Mangar is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today – ANV Greg & Stephanie Johnson (P&W @ Cornerstone, Endicott)
- Mon – Norwich New Work Project Team Mtg.
- Tues – BD Greg Johnson – Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible Study

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Deaf] Christian workers with the Deaf, ANDY and ADRIANA HALL,\* report that Deaf Mexicans struggle to break away from Catholicism. Some have accepted Christ as the only way to God; however, they struggle to share their faith with others because they do not have access to the Scripture in their heart language—Mexican Sign Language. Without full access to God's Word, Deaf Christians face challenges as they answer their friends' difficult questions. Your giving through the Cooperative Program will help provide Scripture to all people groups, including the Deaf of Central America.

- [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?**

Ten Things you don't want to hear from your real estate agent when you go to close on your new home.

1. "I think unexplained crop circles add a unique Flair to any home garden:
2. "Actually its only the rear poprtion of the yard that overlaps the ancient Indian burial ground."
3. "Yes the last owner did donate the house to the Hells Abgels, but I;m told the judge has ordered them not to come within 50 feet of it."
4. "One bleeding mirror doesn't necessarily means its haunted."
5. Your neighbor has assured me that, technically, they're not 'killer' bees."
6. "Even if there was a full scale mud slide, its unlikely it would reach as far back as tour properrtyt."
7. "Its quite common for roaches to grow that big, even when not in the presense of radioactivity."
8. "Did you know that the punk rock band, "Grave Diggers" holds their practice sessions next door."
9. "Its true they died in the house, but the prosecutor was never able to prove it was murder."
10. "You can barely hear the sheet metal factory at night."