

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Monday seems to be the new publish date for HART BEAT. Before we started **Open Bible Fellowship** I had 3 or 4 hours on Sunday afternoon and evening to finish up the update and get it out around 8 PM. Now that OBF meets at 6 PM on Sunday evenings for worship, Sundays are long days. And most of the time a group from OBF wants to go out to eat after church. By the time I get home on Sunday night, I am beat. I'm even a little late for Monday this week because of an early morning eye doctors appointment and several other a sundry errands that have taken the day.
- I saw the eye doctor first thing this morning - a follow up visit after two cataract surgeries. Everything went well and is looking good – no pun intended. Looks like I won't need glasses except to read, unless I get so frustrated trying to keep up with reading glasses that I decide to have glasses on my face at all times. Right now, we're going with reading glasses only.
- December 4-11 is the Week of Prayer for International Missions. If your church did not make the WoP brochures available, you can find the featured missionaries for each day of the week at www.imb.org. Join thousands of Southern Baptists in 2016 Week of Prayer for International Missions.
- I have posted a new update from our missionaries, Rick & Donna Martin, on our web site. Find it under the Information Center tab/Missionary Reports @ www.cnyba.org.
- I have also posted on our CNYBA web site an update from our missionary to the inner city of Syracuse, Ronnie Wyatt. You can find also find it at www.cnyba.org under the Information Center tab/Missionary Reports.
- In a recent newsletter, Pastor Phil Huber (**Inlet Community Church**) challenged his folks to incorporate two things into their morning routines. I thought it was a great idea, so I'm passing it along to you. **First, gratitude** based on Psalm 3:5 "I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me." To begin each day recognizing that God has sustained you through another night, grateful for a God who is working while you are sleeping. **Second, expectation**, based on Psalm 143:8, "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life."

- On Saturday past, we had our annual Pastors' and Wives' Christmas Luncheon at **Lakeshore, Cicero**. Mary Westcott did a great job with lunch and John and Dody Martin did a great job with the musical program. We had a great time of fellowship. Lyn and I want to thank those who gave to a special Christmas Love Offering that was presented to us at the Luncheon. It is a joy and privilege for us to serve the churches and Pastors of CNYBA.
- Yesterday, we started for the morning worship services at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro**, but discovered that apparently we had not left enough time to make it there by their 10:30 AM worship. So we aborted that plan and stopped off to worship with the good folks at **Canastota BC**, where Phil Wright has been pastor since October 2014.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where I am serving as serving as church planter/pastor. Last night we had a record attendance for our worship service, which began in June 2016. We had 36. In attendance.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Cornerstone, Endicott** will have Movie Night on December 9th. They will have a Christmas Eve Candle Light service at 7 PM on December 24th and a 10:30 PM worship service on New Year's Eve. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will have their annual Children's Christmas production, hear Rick and Donna Martin (missionaries to Peru), and have a fellowship meal after services. They will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6 PM and a Christmas morning services at 11 AM. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** will have a white elephant Christmas party and pot luck dinner this Sunday after services. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Mon BD Kristen Hallenbeck (PW @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)
- Thurs BD Juanita Young (PW @ Gethsemane, Syracuse)
- Fri ANV Calvin & Darlene Stedge (P&W @ Maryland BC)
- Fri BD Kristen Elliott (APW @ Missio, Syracuse)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Europe] TOM and JANE BELL* opened a coffeehouse in their city, despite resistance from locals who didn't want evangelical Christians in their

neighborhood. Slowly the coffeehouse was accepted. It became a hub for concerts and English classes, as well as a supplier of school supplies and Bibles. Today a church meets in the building that once was a coffeehouse. You support the Bells and this church through the Cooperative Program. Please pray for the Bells and the small group as they minister in this Eastern Orthodox city.

- [Southeast Asia] MARK and LISA PATENAUDE have faithfully served on the mission field for more than 18 years, but have seen few new believers. Lisa shared a poignant story about praying and lamenting the lack of response among her neighbors. She felt God say to her, "Are you only going to serve Me if there's fruit? Is this about the 'fruit' or is it about Me?" Lisa said this insight helped her to understand they are serving among a hard-to-reach people out of obedience to God. For the Patenaudes, who are supported through the Cooperative Program, their ministry is about faithfulness and not the rewards.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A driver was pulled over by a police officer for speeding. As the officer was writing the ticket, he noticed several machetes in the car. "What are those for?" he asked suspiciously. "I'm a juggler," the man replied. "I use those in my act." "Well, show me," the officer demanded, still a little unsure. So he got out the machetes and started juggling them, first three, then more, finally seven at one time, overhand, underhand, behind the back, putting on a dazzling show and amazing the officer. Just then another car passed by. The driver did a double take, and said, "That's it Maude. I've got to give up the drink! Just look at the sobriety test they're giving now!!"