

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- Some of you were aware that Juli Wyatt, youngest daughter of church planters Ronnie & Michele Wyatt, had a tonsillectomy this past week. What you may not know is that she was later taken back to the hospital with excessive bleeding when something broke loose. I'm happy to report that she is home, doing good - a little weak from the blood loss, but improving.
- As I have mentioned before, Pastors Bill Lower and Dan Schallmo will accompany me on a "scouting" mission to St. Croix, Virgin Islands at the end of March. We will be going to see how CNYBA churches might help bi-vocational church planter, John Smith. Here is a link to an article about the "other job" Bro. John has. <http://stcroixsource.com/print/content/news/local-news/2016/02/21/faith-matters-risk-young-men-find-hope-my-brothers-workshop>
- The "Keep the Fire Burning" conference for Pastors and church leaders at **Northside, Liverpool** is coming next week-end – March 6-8. Lyn and I are already registered. I hope you will attend as much of the conference as you can. You will be blessed and this just might be a game changer in your life.
- The annual Pastors' Conference at Davis College is this coming up on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and will be held in their new facilities at the Chrisfield Campus, just off the Johnson City Traffic Circle. The conference is scheduled for 8:00 – 2:15.
- Lyn and I worshiped this morning with the good folks at **Summit, Cazenovia**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Dan Schallmo, who is, along with his wife Cindy, in Florida visiting their son and family in his new ministry setting. I do count it a joy and privilege when Pastors ask me to fill in for them when they are away, ill, or just want a break.
- Late this afternoon Lyn and I were able to visit a family who attended our Thursday evening Open Bible Fellowship for the first time recently. Please continue to pray with me about what God wants to do with this group.

### ➡ News From the Churches

- **Northside, Liverpool** is praising the Lord for the 1081 people who gathered for worship last week-end, plus all the children and workers who attended FUEL.

254 of those who attended were at the Saturday night service! Five people indicated giving their lives to Jesus last weekend. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.

- **Agape, Norwich** reports the addition of five new members since the first of the year. > They also thank Pastor James Hundley and the Sub Terra Church in Binghamton for the gift of eighty pew chairs, a projector, a TV and DVD player and a whole sound system. > They announce that their down stairs is renovated and that they just finished the final touch of painting on the main floor with the paint donated from Orwell Bible church in Rome, PA. > They are happy to announce that Music Missionaries John and Dody Martian have agreed to lead worship the first Sunday of each month. March 6<sup>th</sup> they begin with "Invite a friend to Church Sunday" John Jablonski is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** will be hosting one of more than 100 students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, Sunday – Wednesday, March 13-16. The students are traveling across the United States as a part of their training for the ministry. Sastry Meesala will be preaching Sunday morning, March 13, at the 11 AM worship and again in the Sunday through Wednesday services at 7 PM. Sastry Meesala is the pastor of Telugu Church, a ministry of First Baptist Church, Duncanville, TX. After finishing college, Sastry did his Bachelors of Theology and his Post Graduation diploma in Islamic Studies at a Seminary in India. During and after his studies, he worked as a Church Planter and Bible College teacher in the Indian states of Goa and Jammu & Kashmir. Currently, Sastry lives in Dallas, TX and is pursuing a PhD in Missions & Islamic Studies. Waylen Bray is Pastor @ Stamford
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** March schedule of events includes a ham & cabbage fellowship meal following the morning worship service on March 13<sup>th</sup>, A Good Friday evening service on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and an Easter sunrise service on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 AM. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** served 16 families yesterday in partnership with the local CHOW food ministry. Yesterday they also held a silent auction and made around \$700.00 for the Burrough's scholarship fund. On Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, they will host a Youth Expo from Noon to 3 PM. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 1st BD Margaret Culver – PW @ Emory Chapel, Waverly

### ➡ **March Ministry Anniversaries**

- Ariel Ruiz – Pastor @ Nueva Esperanza since Mar 1999

## ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [North Africa and Middle East] SEBASTIAN HALAFAX\* was trying to find a man named Nadim.\* He had met Nadim a few times but did not have his contact information. One night Sebastian, who is supported through the Cooperative Program, walked through one of the city's hotspots hoping to run into Nadim along the way. Praying as he walked, Sebastian found Nadim waiting to catch a bus. They traded phone numbers and began a deeper friendship. As a result, Sebastian has been able to share the gospel with Nadim. "I marveled at the perfect timing that had to take place for me to meet him that night. I felt certain the Lord orchestrated our meeting."
- [New Hampshire] New Englanders are known for being self-reliant and resistant to new things. For them, the gospel is a new thing. SEAN and MICHELLE SIMONTON believe the most effective way to reach them is through starting new churches and meeting them where they are with Christ's eternal love. Sean is a church planting catalyst in New Hampshire, where 97 percent of the population is unchurched. Because you give through the Cooperative Program, church planters are being discovered, developed and deployed in local congregations across North America. But the need is great. Pray for more church planters to answer the call and for more churches to partner in the harvest in New Hampshire.

## ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Bob had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work. After a few weeks of this, his boss was mad and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it. So Bob went to his doctor, who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. He got a great night's sleep and actually beat the alarm in the morning. After a leisurely breakfast, he cheerfully drove to work. "Boss," he said, "The pill my doctor subscribed me actually worked!" "That's all fine," said the boss, "But where were you yesterday?"