

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- I'm baaaaack! The "scouting" mission trip to St. Croix went off without a hitch. Pastors Bill Lower and Dan Schallmo and I spent some valuable time with church planter John Smith. We learned a lot about the island, the island culture, and Pastor John's vision for pushing back lostness on the island. The three of us will have a debriefing meeting soon and be ready to give a full report at the Mid-year meeting on April 30, but I can tell you already that there are numerous ways in which CNYBA churches can get involved in "hands on" missions on St. Croix.
- Yesterday I was privileged to lead a Leadership seminar with the good folks at **Stamford BC.** Pastor Waylen Bray is looking to do follow-up seminars in the months to come. I enjoy these seminars and hope that they can help strengthen churches.
- Today Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where Frank Adams has been Pastor since April 2009. After services we enjoyed a time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor Frank, his wife Julie, and two of their boys.
- Don't forget to plan to attend the CNYBA Mid-year Meeting at **Grace, Rome**, where Trent Williams is Pastor, on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will hear a report on the recent "scouting" mission trip to St Croix, as well as presentations on "Getting the Church Involved in the Community", "Discipleship Development", and "Non-Confrontational Evangelism". The church is providing a continental breakfast at the church beginning at 8:30 AM and the meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and end around 12:30 PM. The church is also providing lunch after the meeting.

### ➡ News From the Churches

- **West Hill, Ithaca** will have a Comedy Night featuring Pastor Ronnie Wyatt from **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**, this coming Friday evening, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. This is an interesting way to offset the "blues" of Tax Day.
- **Northside Baptist (Liverpool)** will be hosting a Missions Team Leader Training Workshop on May 20-21. The workshop is presented by SEND International, and runs from 6:30 - 9 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday. Registration is \$60 if done before April 24 (\$75 after that date), and can be done online at [www.send.org/events](http://www.send.org/events) or by contacting Peter Thiemann at [northsidemissionsonline@gmail.com](mailto:northsidemissionsonline@gmail.com) for a registration form. Participants in the workshop receive an

excellent Team Leader's Manual produced by SEND, as well as snacks Friday evening and breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Anyone interested in leading a short-term missions team is encouraged to attend.

- **Faith, Oneida** will use the CNYBA Block Party Trailer in an evangelistic outreach on May 14<sup>th</sup>. They seek our prayers for this endeavor. They need volunteers to help. Anyone who can help please contact Pastor Bob Teachout directly at [Saltcitybaptist@aol.com](mailto:Saltcitybaptist@aol.com) or at 315-627-0571.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will host a Priscilla Shirer simulcast on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Lakeshore is located at 6696 Lakeshore Road in Cicero, NY 13039. For more information contact Pastor Karl Novak at 315-572-1502 or [kjvak@aol.com](mailto:kjvak@aol.com)
- **Stamford BC** will host a Red Cross blood drive tomorrow, Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, they will host Randy Simpson in concert during their morning worship service. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- Starting today **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will be collecting: kids' winter clothes (in good condition), kids' shoes (sneakers, boots) (in good condition), kids' school supplies (crayons, pen, pencils ... and other light weight school supplies), sport items: for example, balls (soccer, basketballs, volleyballs (not inflated), SMALL table games (UNO is a big one over there). Big boxes of table games will not be accepted due to limited shipping size. In May/ June, the youth group will help to sort clothes and items so that they will be ready for packing and shipment to a Christian ministry in Ukraine. > Today after service they had an informational meeting on how they could minister to our brothers and sisters in Haiti through LaCroix New Testament Mission Haiti. > On April 22 they will screen the film "War Room" at 7 PM. Sam Macri is Pastor.

## ➡ Missionary Moments

- [East Asia] EILEEN SWARR,\* a Christian worker in East Asia, was on a 12-hour train ride when she struck up a conversation with the woman seated next to her. The woman wanted to practice English and Eileen was happy to talk with her. When they saw a rainbow through the window, Eileen asked the woman if she knew the history of the rainbow. Eileen shared the story of Noah and God's promise. The woman had never even heard of the Bible, and Eileen was relieved to find that the woman lived close to her so they could remain friends. Southern Baptists join Eileen's work through their gifts through the Cooperative Program.
- [North Carolina] CHARLES and CAROLYN REED have served in the Greater Cleveland Baptist Association (GCBA) in Shelby, North Carolina, since 1990. The Reeds work in a community that has experienced high unemployment and

poverty. Many families need assistance with heating and cooling bills, food, medicine, clothing and rent. By ministering to the community's physical needs, they get the opportunity to share the love of Christ. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program allow the Reeds to meet physical needs as they tell people about Jesus. Please pray that God will call more people in the GCBA and beyond to be part of ministry evangelism in the community.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A little old lady sold pretzels on a street corner for 25 cents each. Every day a young man would leave his office building at lunch time and, as he passed her pretzel stand, he would leave her a quarter, but would never take a pretzel. This went on for more than five years. The two of them never spoke. One day as the man passed the old lady's pretzel stand and left his quarter as usual, the pretzel woman spoke to him, "Sir, I appreciate your business. You are a good customer, but I have to tell you that the pretzel price has increased to 35 cents."