

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Jessica Ford, wife of Pastor Jeff Ford (Lyons Falls BFC), had foot surgery a couple of weeks ago and is doing rehab. I believe she is at home doing outpatient rehab. Her address is 3940 Rt 12 - Lyons Falls, NY 13368 and her phone number is 315-286-1090. I'm sure she would appreciate a word of encouragement from you.
- Thanks to all of you who have visited, texted, called, or send cards to Lyn as she continues in rehab following knee replacement surgery. They are very encouraging to her. Her address is Lyn Hart, %Sayre Health Care Center, 151 Keefer Lane, Sayre, PA 18840 and her phone number is 607-372-7957. She is making great progress! She has an appointment with the surgeon's office on Monday morning and then a Patient Care Review with the rehab people on Wednesday. We're hoping she can come home by week's end. The boys and I do much better when she's home.
- Our CNYBA Leadership Team and our CNYBA St. Croix Project Team approved an expenditure from our VI Mission Fund to supply air fare for the two teenage daughters of Church Planter John and Kia Smith so they could attend the funeral of their grandfather back in Detroit, MI. This was the grandfather who raised Kia. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- This week has been an interesting week. Neither the boys nor I like batching. And on Monday past, while mowing the yard on my zero turn riding lawnmower, I somehow managed to jam the left control lever under a 2x4 brace on the mower garage I'm building on the back of the house – with my left ring finger between the two. After pulling my hand free since I couldn't get the mower to move, and spending a couple of hours at the walk-in clinic, I finally finished mowing the yard. Unfortunately I have a large bandage around that finger, which makes it difficult to do simple things – like type this update.
- As I mentioned before, on June 5 we plan to add a Sunday evening worship service to our Open Bible Fellowship Thursday evening Bible study. We will be meeting neighbors, handing out announcement flyers, and giving away a free "Good News for You" book in the immediate vicinity of our meeting place (Bostwick's Auction House) Saturday, June 4. Let me know if you can come and help us.

- Also, we would appreciate any help we could get on our launch Sunday evening. If you are close enough and would like to help us have a crowd that first service, let me know and plan to show up at 6 PM at the Bostwick Auction House, 1121 Rte 96, Candor, NY 13743. That's located on Hwy. 96 in the hamlet of Catatonk about half way between Owego and Candor, across the street from the Dollar General store.
- Of course Lyn is in the rehab center and worshiped with a church family that was on TV. I worshiped with the good folks at **Emmanuel, Cortland** in their early 8:30 AM service, where Jim Hundley has been pastor since April 1991.
- I had intended to also worship with the the good folks at **Central, Syracuse** in their 11 AM service, and then with the good folks at **River of Joy, Syracuse** in their 12:30 PM service, but as is often the case plans have a way of changing. Between Cortland and Syracuse I started hearing a noise and then the left rear wheel of the car locked up. I would up waiting for a tow truck for almost an hour and then spending a couple hours at a repair shop. The emergency brake system malfunctioned and will need a major overhaul, but they got me freed up so I could drive. Hello repair shop in Owego tomorrow.
- Before I headed for home, I fellowshipped with the good folks at **Lakeshore, Cicero** at the retirement/going-away reception for Pastor Karl and Bonnie Novak from 3-6 PM. I was proud of the two CNYBA pastors who attended the event. Both Bonnie and Karl have been faithfully involved in CNYBA over the years. Both have served CNYBA as moderator at different times. They have done what not many people can do – start a church from scratch, stand it up, and leave it strong and growing. Unless you have been through that experience, you probably don't comprehend the amount of faithfulness and fortitude it takes to accomplish what they have accomplished. The foundation they have laid will resound to the glory of God for decades to come. Hats off to Karl and Bonnie and God's speed as they move into the next part of their journey with the Lord.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Outpouring, Oswego** is a college campus church. This Spring Break (March 19-27), Pastor Zach Neyhard, 7 students from their ministry and 1 alumnus, served in various capacities at the Syracuse Rescue Mission, a ministry that provides aid to impoverished and homeless people in the Syracuse area. Our team prepared and served meals, sorted and distributed clothing donations, cleaned out living spaces, staged furniture donations for pick-up by needy families, and more. > One of their student members will be part of a team that will spend 5 weeks this summer serving in China as short-term missionaries. They will learn about Chinese society and history, be trained in intentional relationship building and will learn how to share the gospel message in culturally

appropriate ways. > This month, Pastor Zach was offered and accepted a promotion to weekend evening shift sergeant at the site security company where he works in addition to pastoring. Congratulations Bro. Zach.

- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will hold a 4 day revival services series May 18th – 21st with different a different speaker each night at 7:00 PM. Speakers for the series of services will be Jon Ladd (Vintage Faith Church), Mike Mazzye (**Renovation, Syracuse**), Jackson Garrell (1st Baptist of West Danby), and Stephen Switzer (Faith Worship Center). Mike McMahon is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Wed – BD Moe Wright (PW @ Canastota BC)
- Thurs - Open Bible Fellowship
- Sat – Back Hoe work at Agape, Norwich

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Oregon] JOSH CARTER serves in Portland, a cutting-edge city that is directing the course of culture. Some Portlanders call their home the new Sin City, as evidenced by the fact they now have more strip clubs per capita than any other city in the U.S. Most residents claim no religious affiliation and are tolerant of any and all religions, but are opposed to the idea of an exclusive way to heaven. It has been said there are more Christians in India per capita than there are in Portland. Your support through the Cooperative Program can help change that. Pray for Josh's team as they seek church partners and strong relationships in their community to share Jesus.
- [South Asia] Christian workers, DYLAN and JESSICA VILMEK,* teach South Asians to share the gospel using Bible stories and also to make audio recordings of the stories so they can be shared with others in a particular language group. Many South Asians are literate but still find it hard to understand what they read. Their education level is low and their preferred learning style is oral. During one training event, the Vilmeks' goal was to craft 200 Bible stories into a particular people group's heart language. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help provide the gospel in many languages so that people can understand the good news of Christ.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Shirley and Abe, a retired couple from New York City, living in Miami Beach, are getting ready to go out to dinner. Shirley says, "Abe, darling, do you want me to wear this Chanel suit or the Gucci?" Abe says, "Do I care?" A few minutes later Shirley says, "Abe, should I wear my Cartier watch or my Rolex?" Abe says, "Who cares?" A few more minutes pass and Shirley says, "Abe, love, shall I

wear my five-carat pear diamond ring or my six-carat round diamond ring with the baguettes?" Abe says, "Shirley, I really don't care what you wear, but if you don't get moving, we're going to miss the Early Bird Special."