

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- The Hart beat this week has included daily trips to the Sayre Health Care Center where Lyn is in residential rehab following her knee replacement surgery. The boys and I are looking forward to her coming home on Tuesday morning! There will be continued physical out-patient therapy at a local rehab facility. She wanted me to be sure and thank all of you who have called, visited, sent cards, brought flowers, and texted. Your well wishes and expressions of care and concern have been well appreciated and have made the stay there much more bearable.
- On Friday past I had a CT Scan on my lungs. This was the result of something they thought they saw on the chest x-rays when I had that little vertigo episode a few weeks ago. We should get the results back something early this week.
- The rest of the week has been filled with the normal CNYBA office stuff, watering flowers, feeding dogs, and other sorted household chores. I was able to mow the yard – without incident.
- Today I worshiped with the good folks at **Good News, Waverly**, where John Talada has been pastor since August 2009. After service I enjoyed a great time of fellowship with Pastor John and Ginger over lunch, after which we visited with Lyn.
- Let me ask you to be praying for a couple of things. First, for Pastor Gary Culver (**Emory Chapel, Waverly**), who continues to have urological issues. Second, for the launch of Sunday Evening Worship Services at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**. If you live within driving distance, we would love to have you come help us get off to a good start. We'll be meeting at Bostwick Auction House, 1121 Rt. 96 in Catatonk beginning June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also continue our Thursday evening Bible studies at the same location.

### ➡ News From the Churches

- **Living Water, Owego** welcomes a new family. The mother and two children were baptized today during the morning worship service. The father had been baptized previously. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor
- **Outpouring, Oswego**, our college based church at SUNY Oswego, recently went through the election of officers process as required by the college. Pastor

Zach Neyhard says, “By investing most of our available "discipleship time" on our student leaders, we maximize our effectiveness as bi-vocational campus ministers.” During their tenure as student leaders, Pastor Zach focuses on the following aspects of spiritual growth in these students: personal integrity, reliability, humility, communication, foundations of Christian belief, prayer, evangelism/disciple making, missional thinking, and community with believers in the local church.

- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** heard Pastor Pierre from La Croix, Haiti this week-end. He preached at the 8 AM service at the Clinton Rd campus, and at the 10:30 AM service at the main campus in Whitesboro. They had a pot luck at the Clinton Rd building on Saturday past at 5 PM to allow people to meet him. They are developing a partnership relationship with this work and will be going on a mission trip there this summer. I had hoped to get over there this week-end, but could not. If you would like to know more about possibly joining the upcoming mission trip to Haiti, contact Pastor Sam Macri at [macrifamilymail@yahoo.com](mailto:macrifamilymail@yahoo.com) or 315-525-9781.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – BD Calvin Stedje (Pastor @ Maryland BC)
- Tues – Lyn comes home from knee replacement residential rehab
- Thurs – 37<sup>th</sup> ANV Sam & Darlene Macri (P&W @ Crosspoint, Whitesboro)
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship, Catatank
- Sat – BD Lyn Hart (DOM’s wife)

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [South Africa] One hundred and fifty believers gathered in a small Baptist church. Although racially-motivated attacks were tearing their city apart, they stood together to ask God to bring peace. An elder called out the ethnic groups by name: white South African, Zulu, Xhosa and a dozen more. Everyone stood—black and white, young and old—joining hands across the aisles and singing together, “We are one in the Spirit.” “It was beautiful,” said IMB worker, ROSE SHEPHARD.\* “We saw beautiful unity within the body of Christ today.” Thank you for giving through the Cooperative Program so workers like Rose can point others to a God who unifies.
- [Pennsylvania] RAFAEL TORRES leads a small Hispanic church plant that is hungry for the Word of God. Many come from Catholic backgrounds that can be difficult to penetrate. He also offers counseling as a NAMB endorsed chaplain at a local prison. He often has to convince the young men that they are not worthless and can overcome addictions. Having gone through his own struggles with addiction, he can get to the heart of their lostness. Your gifts through the

Cooperative Program are helping people find forgiveness through Christ. Pray for Iglesia Bautista Latina as they seek God's power to lead people to Christ. Pray for God to give Rafael wisdom to minister according to His will.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Bob had finally made it to the last round of the \$50,000 Question. The MC stepped up to the mike. "Bob, you have chosen American History as your final question. You know that if you correctly answer this question, you will walk away \$50,000 dollars richer. Are you ready?" Bob nodded with a cocky confidence -- the crowd went nuts. He hadn't missed a question all week. "Bob, yours is a two-part question. As you know, you may answer either part first. As a rule, the second half of the question is always easier. Which part would you like to take a stab at first?" Bob was becoming more noticeably nervous. He couldn't believe it, but he was not sure, but American History was his easiest subject, and he played it safe. "I'll try the easier part first." The MC nodded approvingly. "Here we go Bob. I will ask you the second half first, then the first half." The audience grew silent with gross anticipation. "Bob, here is your question: And in what year did it happen?"