

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- May was the month that was! Due to Lyn's knee replacement surgery and subsequent residential and then home rehab, follow up doctors; appointments, as well as my own bout with vertigo and a smashed finger, I did not get everything done that I normally get done in the month of May. In addition to getting behind on getting all out "trailers" inspected and tagged, I also did not get out the Week of Prayer for Associational Missions material in May. We did adopt a project for the 2016 Knapton Associational Mission Offering (our Virgin Island mission project). I plan to get the bulletin insert to each pastor this next week and I will be encouraging EVEZRY church to participate in the week of prayer AND the special offering – just a month later than normal this year.
- Speaking of our Virgin Island Mission Project, we are planning a Prayer walking and VBS trip to St. Croix the week between Christmas and New Year's. The weather there is always about 75 to 85 degrees, so we should have no problem doing outdoor "stuff". We will likely limit the team to 10 people. I'm working on details now, but it's not too early to get me your name (via email or text please) if you would like to go on this mission trip.
- This week I was privileged to spend some time with our moderator, Steve Sallis, as we visited with one of our pastors and his wife over lunch. Bro. Steve is doing a good job as moderator and we should be praising the Lord for him.
- Also this week, Lyn and I enjoyed fellowship over dinner with one of our pastors and his wife when they showed up with the dinner. We feel blessed to be the beneficiaries of the generosity and thoughtfulness of the pastors and people of CNYBA.
- Lyn continues to make good progress in rehab following the knee replacement surgery. She tires easily and is not yet fully "confident" in the new knee. But soon she will feel strong enough to resume traveling with me on the week-end.
- Yesterday, I was privileged to conduct a three hour Discipleship Development Workshop @ **Stamford BC**, where Waylen Bray is Pastor. I'll be back there for two more three-hour sessions in August and September. This is normally a nine week course that we are doing in three sessions.

- Today, Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at our home church, **Living Water, Owego**, where we have been members since moving to New York in 1996 and where Wayne Sibrava has been Pastor since December 1997.
- This afternoon I attended the church council meeting at **Living Water, Owego**, where I am currently serving as the chairman of the finance committee. Everybody from my Pastor to my Doctor has said I should slow down. So I asked to be relieved of this responsibility ASAP. Besides **Open Bible Fellowship** is growing and requiring more time.
- This evening, Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** in our second Sunday evening worship service, where I was privileged to preach. We had 24 in attendance.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **West Hill, Ithaca** has a team of 6 people who will travel to Pinesville, KY next Saturday to spend a week helping build a church building. Bill Lower is Pastor and leader of this mission team.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** plans an evening of gospel music on June 26th, beginning at 6:30 PM. Patti Dshl and Heartsong will be featured, with the Cornerstone Men also performing. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will hold a baptismal service @ **Living Water, Owego** on Saturday, June 18th @ 2 PM. Gary Culver is Pastor @ Emory Chapel and Wayne Sibrava is Pastor @ Living Water.
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** has asked **Living Water, Owego** to be their sponsoring church. This summer we plan to put a free book containing 7 lessons from the Gospel of John in every home (287) within three miles of where we meet. In addition, with the help of LWBC, we will do a one day VBS Fun Day in one of the three mobile homes communities near us.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today – BD Kim Speed (PW @ Christ is King, Syracuse)
- Tues – Flag Day
- Tues – The Neighborhood Church Project Team Meeting
- Wed – ANV Roger & Doris Best (P&W Emeritus @ Inlet CC)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [South Carolina] South Carolina native JOHN CHAMBERS and his wife, CHRISTIE, started a church to reach the state's fourth largest city of Rock Hill. The church has had a significant outreach to college students from nearby Winthrop University. Many of those college students have stayed after graduation, giving the church plant a large number of young families. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help John continue to build a church that's impacting the Rock Hill community. Pray that Remedy Church can add more seniors to their membership to help disciple the growing number of young families in the church. Also, pray that God will continue to open doors to reach college students.
- [Southeast Asia] BETHANY and DAVID ANDERSON* work with a tribal group that had never heard the gospel until the 1950s. These tribal people were fierce headhunters who believed that a rite of passage for every boy was to kill and then take the human head. But once missionaries came and shared the gospel with them, everything changed. People came to faith and a church was established among the tribal group. The Andersons are continuing on the journey with this tribal group, helping believers reach out to other tribal people. Your giving to the Cooperative Program is making this work possible.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- "I'm sorry," said the clerk in flower shop, "we don't have potted geraniums. Could you use African violets instead?" Replied the customer sadly, "No, it was geraniums my wife told me to water while she was gone."