

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- The December Virgin Island Mission trip is definitely ON. At this writing we have 11 committed to go. Plane tickets are being purchased this week. The dates are December 29 – January 5. You can still be part of this team. Just purchase a plane ticket that gets you to St Croix on December 29th (or later) and then let me know your arrival time and we will meet you at the airport. Keep in mind that the air fare will likely increase the longer you wait to purchase. This team, which will do VBS, Prayer Walking, and possibly some repair and painting at the building where we will sleep and eat. I will be returning to VI in late August with a couple of men to assess lodging and eating arrangements, to meet with Missionary John Smith for development of strategy for establishing a Bible Institute, and to look at various properties with a view toward eventually having a Ministry Center for our long term involvement on St. Croix.
- Pauline Potter, wife of the late Pastor Clint Potter, is making herself available to share her testimony and music with women's groups or small churches. You can reach Pauline via email at paulinepotter@stny.rr.com or via phone at 607-348-8384.
- Pastor Zach Neyhard and his wife Rebecca spent several anxious hours in the ER at the Children's Hospital in Syracuse on Friday past. Their Son, DJ, has conjunctivitis in both eyes and had an allergic reaction to his eye drops, which caused his eyes to swell completely shut. He's OK now and will get new meds. Let's lift this servant family up in prayer.
- Pastor Gary Culver (**Emory Chapel, Waverly**), who was diagnosed with two kinds of cancer, has started hormone therapy and ten days of radiation. Chemo will begin after the radiation is completed. I talked with him yesterday and he seems to be a good spirits, He's preaching Sunday, although from a seated position. Let's remember to lift this brother and family up in prayer.
- Pastor Duane Arnold (**Southport, Elmira**) continues to deal with diabetes and the loss of one leg just above the ankle. He continues trips to the hospital as they try to get the leg to heal so a prosthesis can be used. He also continues to preach from a seated position. Let's remember to pray for this Pastor and his wife during this ordeal.
- On Monday and Tuesday past, John Sheehy and I drove to Belle, WV and back, delivering 224 Cleaning Buckets to be distributed to flood victim homeowners.

- On Friday past I picked up the CNYBA Block Party Trailer @ the BCNY office parking lot, which we are allowed to use as a transfer site for the trailer. I took it home with me so I could deliver it to the **Living Water, Owego** One Day VBS Fun Day site at a local apartment complex yesterday morning. I helped reload the trailer after the event and took the trailer home with me – ready for the next church to use.
- Yesterday Lyn and I spent most of the Day manning an **Open Bible Fellowship** table at the “Get Your Flea Market Fix on Route 96” event. We met several possible prospects.
- This morning Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Agape, Norwich**. Today they had a joint service with Chenango Christian Church and Pastor Brad Keator preached.
- Tonight Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** during our weekly Sunday evening worship service, where I was privileged to preach.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will hold an outreach Basketball Camp on July 11-15. They plan VBS for July 25-29. Mike McMahon is Pastor.
- **Agape, Norwich** Pastor, John Jablonski, has resigned to take the pastorate of a Southern Baptist Church in Vermont. I will attempt to meet with the remaining members to help them through this transition process. Please be praying for Pastor Joh, his family, and the church family.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – BD Mary Knapton (PW @ Clyde BC)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Hawaii] On the surface, Hawaii appears to be paradise. It is actually a dark place economically and spiritually. At least 50 percent of the population lives on some form of welfare. The use and selling of meth is rampant. Hawaii is a sex-trafficking hub for the Pacific, and more than 93 percent of the people have no relationship with Jesus. ZEKE TOMASELLI and his family are working to change that by planting churches all over Hawaii. Because of faithful servants like Zeke and your partnership through the Cooperative Program, lives are being changed. Pray for native leaders to be raised up and for new churches to be planted in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific.

- [East Asia] When IMB missionaries DAVID and SARAH DAVIDSON* met their neighbor, Robert,* they shared the gospel with him and invited him to church. He was so excited to have the Davidsons as his friends! He attended church on Christmas and became a Christian. Within the year, he was baptized. Robert is a bicycle repairman, and through his work, he meets a lot of people and befriends them. Now he also shares the gospel and invites people to church with him, just as the Davidsons invited him. Because you give through the Cooperative Program, the Davidsons are able to share with people like Robert, who also share with their friends.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?** – from Pastor Waylen Bray via Facebook

- Upon entering a little country store, the stranger noticed a sign warning, "Danger! Beware of dog!" posted on the glass door. Inside, he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor beside the cash register. "Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?" he asked the owner. "Yep, that's him," came the reply. The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?" "Because," the owner explained, "Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."