

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- We have several CNYBA Pastors who need our prayers. Here's the ones I know about.
- Gary Culver – bone & lymph cancer
- Wayne Sibrava – prostate cancer
- Zach Neyhard – young son in the hospital this past week
- Jon & Kim Speed – their unborn baby may have health issues

- We have 11 people from 4 churches who have purchased tickets to go on a mission trip to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands December 29 through January 5. We will be doing VBS, Prayer Walking, minor repairs, and encouraging missionaries, John and Kia Smith, and their teen aged daughter. It's still not too late to join this group. Call me if you want to go.

- John Sheehy, Lary Hyde, and I will be going to St. Croix August 25-29 to inspect the lodging and eating facilities where we will stay in December, explore long term relationship with a church that may be willing to partner with us for future mission efforts, meet and begin relationship with administration of large housing project where we will do most of our mission work in December, get a visual picture of the space where we will be doing VBS in December, meet and begin relationship with a children's home that may prove to be a place where we can do some mission work in the future, have in depth discussions with Missionary John Smith about his vision to establish some sort of Bible Institute for the training of Pastors and key leaders, look at properties that may be available for the development of a Ministry Center for long term mission work on the island, and get a better understanding of other ministry possibilities Pastor John has in mind – i.e. clothes closet, food pantry, recurring children's ministries in multiple housing projects, possible adult outreach in the housing projects, etc.

- On Monday past I took the block party trailer to Cortland and met Steve Sallis who was picking it up for **Bellewood, Syracuse**. There is no bad excuse to eat at Dickey's Bar-B-Q.

- Yesterday I was privileged to offer a prayer at the beginning of a Bike Ride to bring awareness to the work of New Hope Center in Owego, which offers services to victims of domestic violence.

- This morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Frank Adams, who was away to officiate at his daughter's wedding in PA.
- Tonight Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Tonight we enjoyed the music ministry of music missionaries, John and Dody Martin, who have been a part of our OBF family since the beginning in mid-September last year.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **North Fenton BC** is having a ladies' gathering on August 20th from about 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. One of their ladies, Rosemary Noyes, will be sharing on the topic of "How firm is *your* Foundation." Suggested donation is \$5, which will go towards the Luncheon. If interested in attending please share any special dietary or physical needs for assisting us with the program format and menu. North Fenton Church is located at the intersection of Hwy 79 and Hwy 369 in North Fenton. For questions, directions, etc, contact Judy Kochmanski at 607 206 9049 or jkochmanski@lourdes.com. Rodney Kochmanski is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a church picnic at a member's home this afternoon. Dan Schallmo is Pastor
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** invites you to the Book Signing of Rev. Dr. Greg Johnson new book, "**Merging with Grace**", which will be held on Sunday July 31st immediately after Worship, around 12:45 PM, at Cornerstone Community Church. The Church is located at 911 E. Main Street, Endicott, NY. The cost of a book is \$14. Dr. Greg Johnson, is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today BD Phil Huber – Pastor @ Inlet CC
- Wed ANV Jon & Kim Speed – P&W @ Christ is King, Syracuse
- Wed Ordination of Jeff Bisher @ Windham (PA) CC
- Sat - BD Andy Smith – AP @ Emmanuel, Cortland

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Sub-Saharan Africa] IMB missionaries, BRENDA and JIM BROCK, met Irina,* a girl who told them she would never become a Christian because she would lose her culture if she did. Irina began attending a Bible study with the Brocks on Saturdays, spending the night at their house and then going with them to church on Sunday mornings. Irina has now been baptized, and when Jim asked her if she

understood how much God loved her, her answer was, "Of course!" Your gifts through the Cooperative Program support missionaries like the Brocks who are telling people all over the world how much God loves them.

- [Louisiana] As the Send City missionary for New Orleans, GEORGE ROSS develops and implements a citywide strategy for planting new churches and mobilizing established local churches to plant 120 multiplying church plants. He also supports and ministers to church planters and their families who are serving there. He and his wife carry a great emotional weight for the planters and their families. God is working, though, as 10 new churches have been started and 60 established churches mobilized to join the church planting movement in New Orleans. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program are making this possible. Pray for more multiplying churches to help reach the 72 neighborhoods of New Orleans with the gospel.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of Morris, one of the older workmen. After several minutes, Morris had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is?" he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back." "You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "It's a bet! Let's see what you got." Morris reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right. Get in."