

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- **URGENT NOTICE:** The dates for our December Mission Trip to St. Croix need to change. Air fare on our original dates is over \$1100 per person. By moving the dates to December 29 --- January 5, we can get tickets for \$498 (JFK to STX). That means that we have to commit NOW. If you want to be a part of this team I need (1) an email with a firm commitment to go, and (2) a check for \$498 (made out to CNYBA) by the end of this week – July 9. CNYBA does not have the money to buy the tickets up front and ticket prices tend to fluctuate rapidly. I don't even know if you can buy group tickets without names attached. If the tickets are not available next week at this time your money will be refunded. We will try to keep the entire cost of this trip to \$1500 or less – including transportation to JFK, transportation while on island, food and lodging on island, and transportation from JFK to point of origin. Any baggage fees and other incidental expenses will not be included.
- We have been praying for Pastor Gary Culver (**Emory Chapel, waverly**), who is battling cancer. This week he learned that the cancer is not only in his bones, but also his lymph nodes. He will begin hormone therapy this week, with ch.mo to follow at a later date. Please keep this faithful servant of the Lord in your prayers.
- Here is an excerpt from a letter I received from Pastor John Smith, the bi-vocational church planter we're working with on St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. You can read the letter in its entirety at our website under the Information Center tab/Missionary Reports.

Dear CNYBA Family,

Your partnership, prayers, and support mean more to our family than you could ever imagine. We want to thank the CNYBA association for helping us financially by purchasing 2 airline tickets for us 6 weeks ago when my wife grandfather passed away suddenly. If it were not for you all caring for us, my wife would've had to go by herself during one of the toughest times in her life. Because of your love it allowed all 4 of us to travel back to Michigan and it also allowed me to be able to officiate and eulogize our "Gramps."

- Here is an excerpt from an update we received from Rick & Donna Martin, our CNYBA missionaries in Peru. You can read the letter in its entirety at our website under the Information Center tab/Missionary Reports.

Hello Dear Family & Friends!

.... we are so grateful for you who are financially supporting us to be serving here in Peru. Your faithful support is vital to our ability to continue ministering here. As always: Please check out our mission Facebook page: "**Martin's Mission Peru**" for more regular updates and bits of news and photos in between these Prayer updates. Here's the link:

<http://www.facebook.com/martinsmissionperu>

And don't forget, you can also check out Donna's Facebook page for some personal perspectives.

- On Friday past I picked up 224 five gallon buckets filled with cleaning supplies to be distributed to homeowners cleaning up after the flooding in West Virginia. This is a part of the vast Disaster Relief ministry done through the Southern Baptist national network. John Sheehy (one of the guys from **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**) and I will head that way with the buckets on Monday morning, so be praying for good weather, our travel safety, and for the flood victims who will be receiving the buckets.
- On Saturday evening I was privileged to officiate the wedding for one of the **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** ladies' daughter and her fiancée. It's been a while since I officiated at a wedding, but like riding a bicycle, it comes back to you.
- This morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at Windham Center Community Church, where Jeff Bisher (one of our CNYBA Leadership Team members) has recently become Pastor. This was one of those bridge building visits that I hope might help develop a relationship with this church. In any case, we wanted to encourage and support Pastor Jeff near the beginning of his first pastorate.
- Tonight, of course, we worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I am serving Pastor/Teacher.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Northside, Liverpool** baptized 6 last Sunday and 2 others made professions of faith. This week Eric Mohr began an internship at Northside. Be praying that this will be a positive influence on his life and ministry, as well as a blessing to Northside. Today Pastor Bruce Aubrey began a new four-week sermon series on Jonah entitled "Rescued."

- **Open Bible, Catatonk** now has a Facebook page. Linda Cole, one of our OBF ladies, has created a Facebook page for Open Bible Fellowship. It is a closed page, so look it up and join. I think she told me we're already up to 200 + members. While she was in the creating mood, Linda also got my dormant Facebook page up and running. So "friend" me and you can keep up with me. I'm going to try to keep the page active. At least I can keep up with you.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will hold its July 24th morning Worship Service at Round Top Park (pavilion #1), followed by a fellowship meal. Gary Culver is Pastor
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** has schedule an evening VBS for August 1-5. Pastor Greg Johnson will be signing his new book, "Merging with Grace", at a book signing held immediately after morning worship service on July 31st. The cost of the book is \$14.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Mon – Independence Day
- Wed - BD Darlene Macri (PW @ Cross Point, Whitesboro)
- Wed – BD Rebecca Neyhard (PW @ Outpouring, Oswego)
- Wed – BD David Barrows (CNYBA Leadership Team member)
- Thurs – ANV Mike & Diane Brown (P&W @ Three Pines, Doraville)
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible study
- Fri – Julie Adams (PW @ Jefferson BC)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [South Asia] BILLY and VANESSA GORIN* disciple nationals in their region using a specific training program. One of the groups that went through their program completed all 10 lessons and graduated. After graduation, the students began putting into practice what they had learned. A few months later, the Gorins met with some of the students who had graduated and learned that two of them had started five new churches and had seen 50 people baptized. Because of gifts through the Cooperative Program, the Gorins are able to train national believers how to share the gospel among their own people.
- [Arizona] JEFF and JESSICA VANDERFORD are planting Authentic Life Church in Tucson. The people to whom they minister are spiritual but not churching and not followers of Jesus. They buy into the belief that says Christianity is OK for some but is not necessarily the path of salvation for everyone else. They are OK with whatever religion you want to follow, but they don't want you to share that with them. Your support through the Cooperative Program is helping to change

the people of Tucson. Pray the Vanderfords will stay focused on making disciples for Jesus Christ. Pray they will boldly proclaim Christ's love to their community

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A man was seen fleeing down the hall of the hospital just before his operation. "What's the matter?" he was asked. He said, "I heard the nurse say, 'It's a very simple operation, don't worry, I'm sure it will be all right.'" "She was just trying to comfort you, what's so frightening about that?" "She wasn't talking to me. She was talking to the doctor!"