

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- You might have noticed that I'm a little later with this report than usual. The week-end was hectic and the folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk** had a surprise Anniversary party after church last night to celebrate my and Lyn's 52nd wedding anniversary, which was actually Friday past. So I was late getting home and just crashed.
- But the Lord has given us a new day and we are off and running again this morning.
- On Thursday past we held our regular Thursday evening gathering of Open Bible Fellowship, where 33 people came for our usual fellowship meal. Instead of Bible study last Thursday, we went out into three mobile home communities to advertise OBF and the Fun Day on Saturday. You can read about it below. We are still praising the Lord for the great participation we had to this first outreach event. Of the 33 people who attended the fellowship meal, 29 went out to pass put flyers and a Charles Brock Bible Study Guide while 4, who could not walk that much, stayed back to pray for the outreach effort as it was progressing. Oh, and by the way – we prayed for it not to rain from 7 to 8 PM last Thursday and although it had rained on and off all afternoon, it quit about 6:45. As we were on the way home at 8:30 it began to rain again. Is our God great or what?
- Lyn and I worshiped on Sunday morning past with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where I was privileged to preach again in the absence of Pastor Frank Adams, who was on vacation with his family. It has been my joy and honor to “fill-in” for Pastor Frank four times in recent weeks due to graduations, weddings, and vacations. I love our pastors and our churches and relish any opportunity I have to serve them.
- Last week I did a lot of moving the block party trailer– to and from remote locations, the last of which was for our own OBF outreach event. I had directed the reloading of the BPT when I picked it up after Living Water, Owego had used it. When I opened it in preparation for Saturday, it looked like someone had just thrown everything back in the trailer and because of the jostling that happens when you move the trailer, things were broken (doors off the popcorn machine) and I could not tell how much supplies were there until I unloaded the entire trailer. One reason for having an orderly packing of the trailer (besides securing machines so they don't bounce around, is so

you can open the side door and inventory the supplies. This is a valuable resource God has provided CNYBA churches, but unless we do a better job of taking care of it (by cleaning the machines after use and repacking it correctly) it won't last long – and I don't think we can afford to replace it. Before next season we'll have a schismatic posted on the door of how to pack the trailer.

- This coming Thursday John Sheehy, Lary Hyde, and I will be traveling to St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands to meet with and encourage missionary John Smith, inspect our lodging and cooking arrangements for the December missions trip, get details on the VBS location for December, and discuss a possible long term partnership with the work in St. Croix. Please be in prayer for our safe travel and for the advancement of the work of the Lord in St. Croix.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Outpouring, Oswego** is preparing for the new school year. As a local church meeting on a college campus, Pastor Zach Neyhard has it much harder than most pastors. He loses a good portion of his congregation EVERY YEAR. He and his wife, along with student leadership (from a distance) have been planning for ministry on their campus this coming year. Pastor Zach and his family are moving from their current apartment into a three bedroom house, with a fenced in backyard, just in time for the new school year. They are asking us to pray that all the reservations they have made on campus for the coming year be confirmed, traveling safety for returning student, good publicity and many opportunities to share the gospel via their Red Cup Outreach 9/7-9/9, and for Zach as he competes for a much better security officer job, which will mean good things for his family and the ministry!
- **Summit, Cazenovia** announces a new “Tuesday Night at the Movies” activity at 6:30PM at the Pastor Dan Schallmo's house. For more information, please contact Dan (315-491-3020) or Cindy (315-491-8164). All are welcome!
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor, held our first outreach event on Saturday past. God provided a great sunshiny day. At least 23 of our “regular” OBF family helped at the Fun Day/Block Party. Even more exciting is that we had at least 27 people from Owego Heights Mobile Home Community attend!!!! Praise the Lord! We will now begin to follow up with these folks and hope to welcome some of them to our fellowship eventually.

➡ This Week in Preview

- Sun – BD Zach Neyhard (Pastor @ Outpouring, Oswego)
- Mon – BD Ken Fallon (Pastor @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- Tues - ANV John & Jayne DePugh (P&W @ Newark BC)
- Thurs – BD Ed Hart (Director of Missions CNYBA)
- Sat – BCNY Executive Board Meeting

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Iowa] In 2012, GILMER MAURICIO traveled from Bolivia to Cedar Rapids to visit family. While there, he visited Immanuel Baptist Church and asked the pastor about a Hispanic church. Gilmer did not know God had placed planting a Hispanic church on the heart of this pastor or that he had been praying for four years for someone to lead that work. The pastor told Gilmer if he was the one God had sent he could start immediately. Now the whole family and the church continue to grow. Pray for Gilmer and his wife, ETHEL, as they emphasize salvation and work to restore and strengthen Hispanic families, and give generously through the Cooperative Program.
- [South Asia] MITCH and NELLIE ENGLEHART* never tire of watching new believers be baptized. In one morning, they watched as a national pastor baptized the first believer, then each newly baptized believer baptized the next. This is discipleship in action, Mitch says, and it's what brought him to South Asia. The Engleharts have spent the past nine years training church leaders. They have seen more than 1,200 new churches and more than 3,000 baptisms in the past five years. They are thankful that the Cooperative Program is changing eternities in South Asia.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A friend was in front of me coming out of church last Easter. The Pastor was standing at the door, as he always is, to shake hands with parishioners. As he shook hands with my friend, he said, "You need to join the army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." The Pastor replied, "Well, how come I don't see you except on Christmas and Easter.?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."