

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- I;m a bit late again this week with the HART BEAT Report. We went to dinner with some of our folks from Open Bible Fellowship last night after church and didn't get back to the computer until late. This morning has been full. So here we are in early afternoon.
- Judy Kochmanski, pastor's wife @ **North Fenton BC**, spent last week working with disaster relief in Louisiana. Among those from New York working with her was a single father and two of his older teenaged children. Two of his younger teenaged children stayed behind in New York, staying with a neighbor at night. When the younger teenaged daughter was found unresponsive and rushed to the hospital, the father flew home from Louisiana. As he found out why his daughter was in the hospital, he was overcome with despair, had a massive heart attack, and passed away. Judy drove the older teens back to her house, where the family's pastor and older teen siblings met them and they were told the sad details of what has happened. Please lift up the Byrne children and Judy in your prayers this week.
- On Tuesday afternoon past Lyn and I drove up to Rochester and spent the night in order to be at the hospital early on Wednesday morning for Pastor Wayne Sibrava's cancer surgery. The surgery went well and Pastor Wayne came through with flying colors. He was discharged on Thursday and is recuperating at home.
- On Thursday past we held our regular Open Bible Fellowship meal and Bible study. Just as we were leaving home to go down the hill to the Auction barn where we have the service, the lights went out. Everybody went to their autos and got whatever lights they had and we proceeded as usual. Probably a first for me as far as I can remember, I led the Bible study with a miner's light on an elastic band around my head so I could see the Scripture. We had 32 in attendance. Last Thursday marked one year since we started OBF Bible study with 11 in attendance.
- This morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Renovation, North Syracuse**, where Mike Mazzye has been pastor since the church began in September 2013. Pastor Mike began a new sermon series this morning preaching through Hebrews. We started a study of Hebrews at **Open Bible Fellowship** last Thursday evening.

- Tonight Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where I am serving as church planter/pastor. The 35 we had in attendance tonight is a new record for our worship service and marked the first time we had more in attendance in worship than we did in Bible study the previous Thursday night. We began Sunday evening worship service on the first Sunday in June with 16 in attendance.

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **The Shelter Church- Scranton, PA** (Nepali) had two couples respond positively to the gospel presentation this month. They also had their largest cottage service this month as well. Let's lift this new church and pastor up in prayer. Bhim Rai is Church Planter/Pastor.
- **Fellowship Community Church, Norwich** will begin worship services at the Norwich Grange Hall on Sunday nights at 6PM beginning September 18<sup>th</sup>. "The Pines Cones", the Worship Team from the Three Pines Community Church (sponsoring church for this new work) will present a musical concert on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Emilie Jenkins, in whose home the Fellowship Church began, died on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Harold Lefler, who is Church Planter/Pastor at Fellowship CC is in Little Rock, AR
- **Canastota BC** will baptize two this coming Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at Vernon Baptist Church facility. Phil Wright is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** has begun a study called "Stamford Baptist Church Life", with the purpose of making sure all members have a good understanding of Stamford BC and its ministry. > On Saturday, September 10, at 9 AM, they had a men's breakfast and along with the breakfast, heard Jay Cookingham, who is the leader of Strategic Fathering Ministries which is dedicated to encouraging men to be stronger fathers and sons. > This past Sunday, September 11, after morning worship, they had a covered dish meal/cookout and then gather inside for a Church Conference. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Sun – BD Sue Fallon (PW @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- Mon – BD Christina Lower (PW@ West Hill, Ithaca)
- Wed – ANV Jim & Pam Hundley (P&W @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- Wed – VI Debriefing meeting with the 4 guys who have gone with me to VI
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible study
- Sat – Canastota BC baptismal service

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [East Asia] OSCAR and PEARL BURNS\* are workers in East Asia, supported through the Cooperative Program. Oscar is native to the country where they serve, and he speaks the language well. He spends much of his time helping other workers learn the language. It brings him to tears to think of the sacrifice that workers make to bring the gospel to the unreached people of his home country—a work he says is very difficult. Oscar praises God for his coworkers and for the spread of the gospel in East Asia.
- [Indiana] Three thousand Ethiopian and Eritrean immigrants live in the Indianapolis area. YOSEF and BETHLEHEM DESTA accepted the challenge of bringing the gospel to them by planting Grace Ethiopian Church. They minister to these people groups both in Indianapolis and in Ethiopia providing humanitarian aid, translation of Christian theological materials into their native language, mission trips to Ethiopia, education and Bible training for pastors and more. They have much to celebrate as they see the community embrace Christ, but the task is far from complete. Your generous gifts through the Cooperative Program are making a difference. Pray for godly men and women to come alongside the Destas as they share the gospel in Indiana and beyond.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Two horses were walking back to the paddock after a day's training. One says to the other, "I can't understand why we are so slow. We come from good stock, we have the best food, we have great trainers, and yet we come in last in every race." There was a dog running alongside them who overheard their conversation. He said, "I know what your problem is. I have seen you race and it looks like to me that you take off really fast at the beginning of the race, use up all your energy, and have nothing left at the end. What you should do is pace yourself and when all the other horses are tuckered, put on a spurt and you're sure to win. What do you think of that?" The horses looked at each other and said, "WOW, a talking dog!"