

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- I've been trying to "catch up" after being gone for almost a week on the clarification mission trip to St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Our team will be meeting soon to start the process of getting prepared for our VBS Team trip to St. Croix December 29 – January 5.
- I hope you have marked your calendar for the CNYBA Annual Meeting on October 15th to be held at **Tranformacion, Syracuse**. The theme will be missions. We will hear from our missionaries to Peru, Rick & Donna Martin, Kate Bartholmew with the International Learning Center, Church Planter/Pastor John Smith from St. Croix, and from George & Julie Holmes, members at **West Hill, Ithaca** regarding their work in Albania with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. It'll be a jam packed agenda beginning just before 10 AM and going to about 12:45 PM. The church is providing an authentic Hispanic lunch following the program. You won't want to miss this one.
- Pastor Wayne Sibrava @ **Living Water, Owego** will undergo surgery for prostate cancer on Wednesday morning at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Let's be in prayer for our brother and his family for the next several weeks.
- Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Beacon Light, Vernon**, where Rickey Fuller has been pastor since May 2002. Today I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Rickey, who is on vacation with his family. After church I called Pastor Phil Wright (**Canastota BC**) to see if they wanted to meet us in Oneida for lunch. Although they were on their way to a picnic, they stopped by and had tea while we ate and we had a great time of fellowship. Back in Arkansas we would call that a "cheap date."
- Tonight, Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I am privileged to serve as Pastor. We had 28 in attendance. As part of the service tonight, we heard from the two guys who went with me to St. Croix on a "clarification" mission trip and a blessing of the rings ceremony for one of our couples who had new wedding rings after having lost their original pair. After service we enjoyed fellowship over dinner with two of our couples. All in all a long day, but a good day.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Summit, Cazenovia** used the cotton candy machine from the CNYBA Block Party Trailer for Quad day at Cazenovia College. Pastor Dan Schallmo said, “It was a great outreach. We also had a guitar give away with a pizza party that night. Our new worship leader, Ryan Zabatany, was a huge asset.”
- **Living Water, Owego** observed both church ordinances during worship services this morning – baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor
- **North Fenton BC** is rejoicing over the baptism of a 37 year old fellow who was baptized recently in a local pond. This was the first baptism for Pastor Rodney Kochmanski. Pastor Rodney’s wife, Judy, is leaving tomorrow with a group of New York folks to serve for about a week in disaster relief mud out work in Louisiana.
- **Newark Baptist Fellowship Church** kicked off their new Sunday School year with a theme of "We are the Lord's Army." Everyone dressed in military style clothing and special gift bags were given to each attendee. A new Middle School class was begun. They are looking forward to a banner year in Sunday School. John DePugh is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today – BD Jon Speed (Pastor @ Christ is King, Syracuse)
- Wed – Pastor Wayne Sibrava surgery
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible Study
- Sat – BD Debbie O’Brien (APW @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Sat – BD Matt Hallenbeck (Pastor @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Arkansas] When TRENT LATHAM accepted Christ at 13, it was a commitment to do great things for Him. Trent is a college student, a college minister in his church and a NAMB GenSend mobilizer. As a student, he connects other students to the local church. As a minister, he discipless them. As a mobilizer, he mobilizes them to serve in Boston, one of NAMB’s Send Cities, to share the gospel, build relationships and lay the groundwork for future church plants. Because you give through the Cooperative Program, students are being discovered, developed and deployed as future church planters and missionaries. Pray that God will use Trent and the students who serve in Boston for even greater things.

- [Central Asia] Christian workers, MAX and MELODY KINGSBURY,* share about their friend Kadir.* “During our first meeting, he told us he had watched the Jesus film with his whole family and his New Testament was full of highlights and underlines of things he found interesting or confusing. Kadir invited us to his village for our next visit. There, we shared the story of the Word from Creation to Christ and watched a film depicting John’s account of the life of Jesus.” Continue to support the Kingsburys with your prayers and giving through the Cooperative program so that relationships, like the one they have with Kadir, will continue.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A man came home one day to find his dog on his back with his feet sticking up in the air. Not knowing whether the dog was dead or just in a coma, he took the dog to the vet. The vet said there was a sure fire way to find out if the dog was dead. He left the room and returned with a cat. He rubbed the cat in the dog’s face several times and pronounced the dog dead. When the man got the bill for \$550 he was stunned. He asked the doctor to explain. The vet said, “\$50 for the visit and \$500 for the cat scan.”