

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- I spent the better part of this past week trying to “catch up” after being gone on the mission trip to St. Croix. It never ceases to amaze me that it takes two weeks to get over being gone one. But, I can now see my desk. However there are a couple of “to do” stacks.
- Before going and during the trip to St. Croix I was fighting off a cold. As I was coming home from St. Croix I began to have some sinus issues. After self-medicating for a while I finally saw my doctor. I’m now in a two week antibiotic regimen for a sinus infection.
- On Saturday morning past Tim Bissell and I met with representatives of Immanuel Nepali Church in Syracuse, who are interested in affiliating with Southern Baptists and Central New York Baptist Association. I first met one of the men at a ping pong tournament organized by Pastor Bhim Biswa (**Nepali, Syracuse**) in which I was eliminated in the first round. We answered questions as best we could and they will be talking with the congregation. Be praying.
- On Saturday afternoon past I conducted Financial and Trustee training for Pastor Stephen Mangar and the **Bhutanese Community Church, Syracuse**. We used a conference room at BCNY and a couple of men we invited from Immanuel Nepali Church also attended.
- Yesterday morning I worshipped with the good folks at **Westmoreland CC**, where Jim Mathis has been pastor since the church began in July 2015. Yesterday the pastor’s son-in-law and associate pastor, Nate Hepler, preached.
- Lyn did not travel with me yesterday. She has a severe cold, which she probably got from me. She stayed in all day yesterday, and I hope, all day today.
- Last night, I worshipped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. I continued the sermon series through 1 Thessalonians. I’m not sure how many attended last night, but we did have 4 first time visitors, two of whom went with some of us to eat after church. We continue to have a sweet spirit and warm fellowship. Our ladies have announced that our goal for the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child show box program is 300 boxes. We will have packing parties in June and November.

### ➡ News From the Churches

- **West Hill, Ithaca** will have movie night on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. They will show the movie “Woodlawn” and will provide popcorn and water. Bill Lower is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** witnessed 2 professions of faith in their youth department yesterday. Pastor Gary Culver has been experiencing severe pain in his lower back and down his legs. An MRI revealed 3 or 4 vertebrae collapsed. The diagnosis is surgery. He is seeing his primary doctor today to get approval for surgery because of the cancer treatments he is having. Please lift our brother up in prayer.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** has just about finished the painting of the fellowship hall in the church building they are using for worship. Yesterday they started a new semester for Sunday School where they will be studying the book of Ephesians using Max Lucado’s Life Lessons series. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Tues BD Patricia Kornegay (PW @ Central, Syracuse)
- Tues ANV Harold & Jan Lefler (P&W @ Fellowship, Norwich)
- Wed BD Julie Teachout (PW @ Faith, Oneida)
- Wed ANV Daniel & Hannah Song (P&W @ Korean, Vestal)
- Thurs Move DR Shower Trailer
- Fri Movie Night @ West Hill, Ithaca

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Ohio] TERRY and LEE KIRKLAND grew up in Panama City, Fla., where they both came to faith in Jesus at a young age. Terry serves as a church planting apprentice at Red Door Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Terry and Lee are currently planting a church in the Cincinnati neighborhood of Oakley, which has a 1 to 59,000 SBC church-to-population ratio. The church began as a small group and has grown to a Sunday gathering with multiple home groups. The Kirklands thank you for your gifts given through the Cooperative Program and ask you to pray the Lord would soften the hearts of their Oakley neighbors to the gospel.
- [Mongolia] IMB workers, PETER and LUCY STATION\*, work among people in a Mongolian tent community. They shared the Christmas story with a married couple, Ganzorig and Enkhtuya, and they believed in Jesus. Ganzorig and Enkhtuya began sharing their testimony with their tent community and were baptized in the Stations’ bathtub. Sadly, Ganzorig is in the end stages of liver failure after contracting hepatitis from dirty hospital equipment. Lucy says his outlook is not promising, but Enkhtuya and the couple’s daughters are trusting

in Father's good and perfect will. Pray God uses the Stations, who are supported by gifts through the Cooperative Program, to bring more people to Him during this difficult time.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."