

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- I have posted pictures of our recent St. Croix Mission Trip to our CNYBA web site. Look for them under the Information Center tab/missionary reports. Pictures in the power point presentation were taken and chosen by our St. Croix Mission Team Photographic Coordinator, Rebecca Kochmanski, pastor's daughter @ **North Fenton BC**.
- I am looking for a few good men (and maybe some women) willing to join me on a mission trip to Eagle Alaska July 28 through August 4. My connection is through Joe Boney, who is DOM in northern Alaska and formerly ran our ministry center in Binghamton. A missionary who serves in multiple villages needs to build a 12 x 16 cabin in one of the outlying villages he serves. He has started a small church there and comes there as often as he can. In winter it is a 10 hour trip via snowmobile. When he visits the village he stays for a couple days ministering to the villagers and needs a place to "hold up". All the materials are there and there is a person there to direct the construction. He needs some help getting the log structure up this summer. Eagle, Alaska is 400 miles east of Fairbanks on the banks of the Yukon River and the Alaska-Canada border. Much of the road there is a one lane dirt road. The team would fly into Fairbanks, spend the night, and then either drive the 400 miles to Eagle or fly in by bush plane. The cost looks to be about \$1300 (if we drive from Fairbanks to Eagle), which would include flight to Fairbanks, lodging in Fairbanks and Eagle, and food for the week in Eagle. One of the team would need to serve as cook. This trip will be a little rustic in nature, but would meet a real need. When the team is formed, we will decide whether to drive (in a Northern Lights Ministries van) from Fairbanks to Eagle or pay an additional \$240 per person round trip to fly by bush plane to and from Eagle. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in this trip, please let me know ASAP.
- On Wednesday past I spent the day moving the BCNY Disaster Relief Shower Trailer from BCNY to an RV dealer in the Buffalo area, where heating will be added to make the trailer usable when the BCNY Disaster Relief Team is called out in winter months. The move was basically uneventful except for my leaving my phone at a rest area where I had stopped for lunch. Fortunately I was able to retrieve it on the way home.
- On Sunday morning past Lyn and I worshiped once again with the good folks at **Crossroads, Sherburne**, this time at the invitation of church members who

invited us to be present for a special presentation to Pastor Ken Fallon on the occasion of his receiving his Master's Degree in Christian Counseling

- On Sunday evening Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as church planter/pastor.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Northside, Liverpool** has called Joel Herbert from Houston, TX to serve at Northside in the role of worship pastor. He has agreed to come and will begin sometime in March. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is senior Pastor at Northside.
- **Inlet CC** has begun the new year with a sermon series on spiritual fitness, looking at five “exercises” that strengthen faith muscle. The past year has seen progress made in a number of areas. Here are some of the highlights. They had one baptism, two infant dedications, and two new members this last year. They upgraded the sound system this fall and are installing the final components of the upgrade. They have developed a teaching team for Children's Church and are in the process of sprucing up the room to better suit the needs of a children's church program. They are in the infancy stage of launching a teen program with some special events (including an upcoming bonfire on January 28). They were able to distribute over \$10,000 to people in need this past year and they sent care packages to a number of college students. In addition to their monthly missionary support, they raised over \$4,000 in special offerings for missions (Lottie Moon Christmas offering, Annie Armstrong Easter offering, Care Net baby bottles, and August mission emphasis month). Their mission cottage was used throughout the summer and into the fall as a place for those in ministry to enjoy the serenity of the Adirondacks. They have twenty four people going on their annual Mexico Mission Trip this coming summer. Phil Huber is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- No Birthdays or Anniversaries this week.

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Mozambique] IMB missionary BECKY HARRELL says African women often use witchcraft to protect their children. Charms on a child's waist, neck or wrist signify an attempt to protect the child from evil spirits and diseases. Becky says, though it's normal for mothers to worry about their children, she can be a testimony to Africans when she gives those worries to God. “If they see us being faithful to trust God with our children, we can teach them to overcome the bondage they have of fear and witchcraft.” Your support through the Cooperative Program helps Becky share about our all-powerful God.

- [Connecticut] God called WILLIAM CLARK and his family to Hartford, Conn., to launch Living Faith Church “in the city, for the city.” Clark’s vision for the church is for it to provide a community space for worship and authentic community services that transform the spirit and lives of the families it touches. Since the family’s move to Hartford, God has used them to establish a ministry to seniors in the community, develop a targeted employment ministry, provided online Bible studies and more. Your church’s gifts given through the Cooperative Program ensure that the Clarks’ neighborhood has a faithful gospel witness. Pray that God will provide opportunities to tell people about Jesus.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"