

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Well, the 2016 VBS Mission Team has returned from St. Croix. All are home and accounted for. As I told the team on our last night in St. Croix, they represented CNYBA well and accomplished much. The service projects for Saturday and Monday – Wednesday mornings turned out to be one big service project – painting the outside of the Administration, pavilion, laundromat building. Doug Anderson (**Jefferson BC**), our Service Projects Coordinator did a fine job managing this project. John Sheehy (**Living Water Owego & Open Bible Fellowship**), our Food Coordinator did an outstanding job planning meals, shipping food ahead, purchasing perishables on Island, and keeping us well fed with plenty of snacks and hydration. Donna Anderson (**Jefferson BC**), our VBS Coordinator, managed a well-organized VBS and was amazing with crafts. Kitty Sheehy (**Living Water, Owego & OBF**), our First Aid Coordinator, kept all our cuts, bruises, and blisters attended to. Donna, Kitty, and Pastor John Smith were the teachers for our three age level VBS structure. Other members of the team filled in as helpers, craft coordinators, opening assembly leaders, recreation coordinators, etc. Rebecca Krochmanski (**North Fenton BC**) was our official photographer and will be putting together a collage of pictures on some format that will be available to any church who would like to see our team in action. I believe we made “breakthroughs” on several levels that will be beneficial to the establishment and growth of Shepherds Fold Community Church. There were 21 recorded professions of faith. Following the last day of VBS, 10 of these were baptized in the ocean, along with a young adult man Pastor John had been working with for some time and one of the college students on our team – for a total of 12 baptisms.
- This report is later than normal this week. Its unbelievable how much stuff piles up on my desk when I’m gone a week. In addition, whatever “bug” I had when I left on the trip got worse on the way home. I think it is a sinus infection, but I’ll see my doctor on Thursday.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Summit, Cazenovia** s planning on painting the fellowship hall and is requesting your help. Date: Friday & Saturday Jan 13 – 14. Time: 9am - 9pm. Location 21 Lincklaen St, Cazenovia 13035. What to Bring: your favorite cut-in or trim brush. If you can help, please contact pastor Dan Schallmo at (315) 491-3020.

- **Living Water, Owego** will host a simulcast of the Battle Ready Men's Conference and the teaching of Pastor Johnny Hunt from First Baptist Church in Woodstock, GA. The simulcast is being offered free on Friday evening and Saturday morning, February 3-4. LWBC Pastor Wayne Sibrava will also conduct Deacon Training on Jan 22 & 29 and Feb 5.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 11th Move BCNY DR shower trailer
- 12th BD Bernie Elliott (AP @ Mission, Syracuse)
- 12th Open Bible Fellowship Bible study
- 14th Meet with new Napoli church in Syracuse
- 14th Treasurer & Trustee training @ Nepali Community, Syracuse

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [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.
- [Arizona] JIM HELMAN doesn't wait for people to come to the church he started in downtown Phoenix. Instead, he brings the church plant to them. He hosts "worship experiences" at coffee shops, apartment complexes and parks that people frequently visit. Before becoming a missionary at age 55, Helman served as a minister of instrumental music for 34 years at an SBC church in Phoenix. Your gifts given through the Cooperative Program allow Jim and COLLEEN Helman to build relationships in downtown Phoenix, tell people about Jesus and invite them to these worship experiences. Please pray that God will give them direction as they move forward and for more opportunities to share the gospel.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Three Old Ladies Three elderly ladies were discussing the trials of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich." The second lady chimed in, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down." The third one responded, "Well, I'm glad I don't have that

problem; knock on wood," she raps her knuckles on the table, then says, "That must be the door, I'll get it."