

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Well, last week turned out to be an expensive week – all three vehicles in and out of the shop. But we are now back to full mobility.
- Winter continues. We woke up to freezing rain and intense snow fall Sunday morning.
- The CNYBA Mission Trip to Alaska has been rescheduled. We will be going to Delta Junction, Alaska to work on a church camp and possibly on a nearby church building. This will be a construction type trip. The dates will be July 25 through August 1. The best airfare at the moment is \$766 out of Elmira, NY. The church there will provide food, lodging, and Alaska transportation, so this will be a very affordable mission trip. One of our team will be the cook. The team will need to be limited to no more than 15 people (fits the van they have). If you are physically able to do building type work and want to go on this trip send in at least a \$200 refundable deposit. Make the check payable to CYNBA, but send it to me so I can keep track of the accounts. After that those going should make periodic deposits toward the airfare. We will purchase airline tickets when we have 15 people who have sent in at least \$766 or June 15 – whichever comes first. The quicker we purchase the tickets the better deal we will get.
- Word came late Saturday that the father of Mike Becher, who is on staff at **Renovation, North Syracuse**, was killed in a tragic snowmobile accident on Thursday evening. The funeral service was yesterday at 4 PM. CNYBA sent flowers.
- Lyn and I did not get out on Sunday morning. We had intended to worship locally at **Living Water, Owego**, but just as we were about to leave the snowplow filled our driveway with wet packed snow. I decided to wait until after lunch to plow since it was still snowing. The snow plow came by and added to the berm at the end of the driveway. When I finally went out to plow I discovered that a good Samaritan had already made a pass down my driveway. This is the second time this winter that this has happened.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I serve as Church Planter/Pastor.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Newark Bible Fellowship Church**, in spite of its small size, has raised over \$1500 for mission causes, in addition to their regular mission giving, in a little more than two months, which included \$619 for the Lottie Moon Offering, \$700 to buy beds for an orphanage in Burma, and \$250 plus groceries for a local needy family. In addition, they have voted to give \$100 per month this year to support the new start effort in Norwich. John DePugh is Pastor
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**, is having their annual community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, the week before Easter. They are looking for 30,000 plastic eggs filled with candy and taped shut to be used that day. If you would like to help, collect your eggs at your church, let me know when there're ready to be picked up, and I will see that they get to Syracuse in time for the giant hunt. Ronnie Wyatt is Church Planter/Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – Valentine Day
- Wed – Move DR Shower Trailer
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible study
- Fri – ANV Waylen & Cherlyn Bray (P&W @ Stamford BC)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Hawaii] Before serving as a Southern Baptist missionary, CHRIS EVANS worked in strategic fisheries research. During that time God gave him a heart for commercial fishermen. Today Chris and JILL Evans serve through Seafarers Church Ministry at Honolulu Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii. The ministry reaches out to crew members by providing physical and practical help, caring for emotional and family needs and providing pastoral care. In the first 18 months of the ministry, 22 people came to faith in Jesus. Chris thanks you for your Cooperative Program support of this ministry. He asks you to pray for their ministry to Vietnamese fishermen and to provide Bibles for them in their language.
- [Latvia] In 2010, Latvian Baptists set a goal of starting 100 new churches by the end of the decade. Many young Latvians felt God's call to this work and enrolled in a training program to equip them for the task of church planting. By 2014, there were 23 church planting teams comprised of 350 individuals. IMB missionaries ROBERT and JANICE*, through the support of the Cooperative Program, work with Latvian students in this program and others to share the vision of planting churches in Latvia. In every class, at least one student feels God's leading to plant a church.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"