

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- My, what a difference a week makes! We are having absolutely beautiful weather right now. Definitely my kind of February! Praise the Lord!
- I have posted the latest newsletter from Rick & Donna Martin, our missionaries in Peru. You can find it on our web site under the Information Center tab/Missionary Reports.
- Still taking names and deposits for a 15 member construction type team to serve in Delta Junction, Alaska July 25-August 1.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Good News, Waverly**, where John Talada has been pastor since the church began in August 2009. After church we enjoyed a great time of fellowship with Pastor John and Ginger over lunch.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. With three couples in Florida and a couple people sick, we were thrilled to have 23 in attendance. I continue my preaching series through the book of Hebrews. Pray for us as we begin to make plans for outreach in the spring, which hopefully will include a Children's ministry of some sort.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Stamford BC** is again participating in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary evangelism initiative called "Revive this Nation." Seminary student, Carl Bradford, will be their guest speaker for the Spring revival. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will have three large community wide events between April/ July to raise funding for our July trip to Haiti and to educate all of us that donate to charities, NGO's, and/or serve as short term missionaries in third world nations. Dates will be announced soon. > If you, or someone you know, would like to join the Haiti mission team this July, contact Daniel Beck at beckbuilders@gmail.com or 315-292-0857. > If your church, or a group within your church, would like to know more about what Crosspoint is doing in Haiti and/or how we partner with LaCroix New Testament Mission and Pastor Pierre,

Dan and his wife are available to come to you and do a presentation. Contact them at the email or phone number above.

- **Northside, Liverpool** has a mission team serving in Nicaragua this week. Let's lift them up in prayer. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – BD Bill Lower (Pastor @ West Hill, Ithaca)
- Tues – CNYBA Pastors' Gathering AM via Go-to-Meeting
- Tues – CNYBA Pastors' Gathering PM via Go-to-Meeting
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible Study

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [South Asia] Rabia, an 18-year-old woman in Pakistan, told a Christian worker that her husband and her in-laws had left her. She is a mother of two and completely destitute. She considers giving her newborn to someone who can care for her. Rabia's hopeless story led to a conversation about the gospel and the loving care of our Father God. None of her pain or injustice happens without His knowledge. Jesus knows the plight of Rabia and her children, and He came into this sinful, broken world to offer hope. Pray for God's mercy on Rabia and that gifts through the Cooperative Program give families in Pakistan the chance to know the hope of Jesus.
- [New Mexico] To understand why CODY BROWN named the church plant he started in Portales, N.M., The Porch, one would have to understand the city. He says the city has many wonderful nights that lend themselves to sitting on the front porch, hanging out with folks, sharing with one another and doing life together. Cody's vision is that the people of The Porch would invest in people, do life together and share with others about Jesus. Thanks to your gifts through the Cooperative Program, Cody is starting a church in a community that needs one. Pray that Cody and his family won't get discouraged as they deal with the ups and downs of ministry.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A man was in the check-out line at Costco buying a large bag of Purina Dog Chow for his loyal pet, Buddy, who weighed 91 pounds. The lady behind him asked, "Do you have a dog?" To that ridiculous question, he thought he should give a ridiculous answer, so he said "No, I don't have a dog. I'm starting the Purina Diet again." He added, "I probably shouldn't since the last time I tried this diet I wound up in ICU." He told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way it worked was that you load your jacket pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you get hungry. He continued. "The food is

nutritionally complete, so I'm going to try it again." By this time practically everyone in his line and in the next line over was now enthralled with his story. Horrified, the lady asked if he had landed in ICU because the dog food poisoned him? He said, "No, I felt the urge to stop at a fire hydrant and a car hit me."