

Hart Beat

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

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● Hart to Heart

- ✚ This year's International Mission Study is on Peru. CNYBA has a project in Peru and Dr. Rick and Donna Martin are working to move to Peru next year to take our project to the next level. Your church can get a closer look at the mission work being done in the country of Peru by using study material produced by the Women's Missionary Union. The study material has resources for adults, students, and children. Learn how God is moving today in Peru. Copy and paste the following web site link into your browser for more information. <http://wmu.com/index.php?q=blog/missions-leader/misc/international-mission-study-peru>
- ✚ Those who attended the Annual Meeting of CNYBA know that this year I want to focus on helping churches make disciples. In January I will be teaching a class at Davis College on "The Discipleship Making Process." You will be hearing more about opportunities for you to learn more about making disciples – which, according to the Great Commission, is the purpose God has for us. Let me urge you to take advantage of these opportunities.
- ✚ Lyn worshipped today with the good folks at our home church, **Living Water, Owego**. I stayed home today fighting off a cold/sinus episode. I had been taking some over the counter medication, trying to knock it down before it became my usual sinus infection. It got worse as the week went on. By Saturday my "get up and go" got up and went. I'm hoping to be back to normal in the next couple of days.
- ✚ The Hart beat this past week has included:
 - Visiting a CNYBA church service
 - Consultation with churches
 - Consultation with pastors
 - Gathering resumes for a Pastor Search Committee
 - Coordinating a Perspectives Mission class @ Davis College
 - Picking up the CNYBA scaffolding trailer and taking it to the pole barn for winter storage
 - CNYBA office stuff
 - CNYBA web site maintenance
 - Course prep for next semester's "The Disciple Making" course @ Davis College

● This Week in Preview

- ✚ 27th – BD Jordan Stinziano (Pastor @ Mission, Syracuse)
- ✚ 29th – BD Billie Winskie (CNYBA Treasurer)
- ✚ 30th – Perspectives Missions Class @ Davis College
- ✚ 31st – BD Rickey Fuller (Pastor @ Beacon Light, Vernon)
- ✚ 1st – ANV Yong & Soon Rhee (P%W @ River of Joy, Syracuse)
- ✚ 1st - BD Waylen Bray (Pastor @ Stamford BC)
- ✚ 2nd - BD Oai Do (PW @ Vietnamese, Utica)
- ✚ 2nd – Professional Advisory Council @ Davis College

● News From the Churches

- ✚ Brandon Owen is planting **Missio University Church** in the Wescott section of Syracuse near and around Syracuse University. They have a good start with about 30 people involved in what they are calling for the moment a “missional community”. This group used the CNYBA Block Party trailer recently to minister at the annual Wescott Street Fair. Among other things, they gave out 200 snack bags they had put together. Let remember to pray for this new work effort.
- ✚ **Christ Is King, Syracuse** saw one profession of faith this past month. That person, and perhaps two others, are awaiting baptism. One of their members, Robert Grey will be leading a team of 20 to do evangelistic work in Jamaica for the fourth straight year. The Pastor’s daughter, Samantha, continues to take classes on American Sign Language. Jon Speed is Pastor.

● 4th Sunday – The Gospel According to Holly

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Chapter eight of my evolving book (inspired by my wife's Pomeranian puppy) "The Gospel According to Holly" is entitled **Priority on HER Agenda**. Amazingly, although she weighs only 3.5 pounds, Holly likes to be outdoors. She's not afraid of anything. We have a long wire stretched between the house and a tree in the edge of the woods with a leash attached. This serves as our "dog run." Holly delights in going all the way to the end and exploring every smell from the squirrels, raccoons, fox, deer, or whatever other kind of animal happens along. When it gets cold standing at the door, or when I need to leave the house, I try to call her in. She acts like she doesn't hear and goes on about her business - sniffing, running, or chewing on whatever she can find that smells terrible. I know she got training in some Baptist church. She only hears

when she wants to hear. I can imagine how God must feel when He calls us and we go on about our business like we didn't hear. We get so involved with our own agenda that we ignore God's call upon our lives. I'm trying to learn to be as patient with Holly as God is with us.

● **Have You Heard This One?**

About 90 fifth-graders piled into the airliner I was flying, on their way home from a school trip.

Once we were in the air, and the crew began serving drinks, I could hear them pleading with the children to settle down and let the other passengers get some sleep.

No amount of reasoning seemed to help, until I thought of the solution that actually worked.

I picked up the PA mike in the cockpit and announced,

"Children, this is the captain speaking. Don't make me stop this airplane and come back there!"