

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- ✚ Well, I turned another year older this past week. Somehow, the years just keep piling up. They say you are only as old as you feel. I say, “I hope not.” But I am blessed to have the health and the energy to be active in the work of the Lord.
- ✚ I have combined, consolidated, and corrected my email contact lists. So beginning with this issue of HART BEAT almost everybody I know will get a weekly update. Before I was just notifying some of you that it was posted on our web site. This streamlined version will save me time – which seems to be in shorter and shorter supply these days. **If for any reason you do not wish to receive this weekly update, just reply with a short message to “unsubscribe me” and I’ll be happy to comply.**
- ✚ Yesterday I hosted the 2013 Pastors’ Fellowship Breakfast for the NE Cluster Group at the Denny’s in Rome. Afterward I went on over to Grace, Rome and picked up a box of school supplies one of their Sunday School classes had collected for School Supply outreach distribution being done by Freedom Fellowship in the inner city of Binghamton. I discovered today that Katie Deckert (PW @ Freedom Fellowship) was saved and baptized at Grace, Rome several years ago. What a small world!
- ✚ I spent some time this past week fulfilling my responsibilities as President of BCNY. We are working on the order of business, budget, getting the Strategic Implementation Team report out to the churches, etc in preparation for the BCNY Annual Meeting September 22-24 @ Amherst Baptist Church in Buffalo.
- ✚ On Wednesday past we had the first official class of the Perspectives Class (an in-depth look at the world missions movement) that I am coordinating at Davis College during the fall semester. Looks like we will have 41 students in the class.
- ✚ This week I also had opportunity to meet with Pastors on several occasions (some face to face and some via phone) as well as our treasurer. I also had the privilege of offering counsel to a couple of pastors whose church is not in

CNYBA. I am blessed, privileged, and honored to be a part of Kingdom work..

- ✚ Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Freedom Fellowship, Binghamton** where Bill Deckert has been pastor since January 2012. We attended there today so we could deliver the school supplies I picked up in Rome yesterday, which were distributed this afternoon. I'm not sure what the occasion was, but they had a fellowship meal after service and we enjoyed it, as usual.
- ✚ I want to make you aware of a source for FREE discipleship materials by a retired professor at my alma mater, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX. Dr. Bill Vinson's materials are all free, including PDF formats for the books you'll need. These materials can be taken as an on-line course, or downloaded and studied at your convenience. Check them out at [www.4disciples.org](http://www.4disciples.org).
- ✚ Archived issues of HART BEAT can be found on our web site, [www.cnyba.org](http://www.cnyba.org) under the Newsletter tab.

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- ✓ **Summit, Cazenovia** has begun offering Seminary Extension Classes. On September 15<sup>th</sup> they will hold a Church Dedication and begin a small group ministry called Life Groups. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- ✓ **Clyde BC** spearheaded a four day (Thursday – Sunday), 3 location Wayne County Tent Revival effort recently. Thursday and Friday activities (including some activities for children) were held in Clyde, the Saturday meeting was held in Williams, and the Sunday evening activities were held in Newark. 15 churches participated and they recorded 6 professions of faith and many requests for prayer. Evangelist for the revival was Dr. Ron Malott from Lathrop, MO, who was saved under the ministry of Pastor Roger Knapton in Bethel, KS and later served as an IMB missionary in Nigeria.
- ✓ **RiverEdge, Baldwinsville** is forming new small groups for the fall and will observe “Time Change Sunday” on September 8, when their Sunday morning worship time will move from 9 AM to 11 AM. Allan Covington is Pastor.
- ✓ **Freedom Fellowship, Binghamton** kicked-off their periodic Discipleship Training Seminars yesterday. The next one is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>. Today they gave out school supplies to kids in the

neighborhood, along with Bibles, tracts, and an invitation to attend church. With several new people attending recently, they have begun an update of their Church Directory. Bill Deckert is Pastor.

## ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- ✚ Week of Prayer for State Missions – Sept 1-8
- ✚ 2 – Labor Day
- ✚ 3 - BCNY Admin Team Meeting
- ✚ 3 – Meeting with Cornerstone, Endicott Trustees
- ✚ 4 – BD – Jon Speed (Pastor @ Christ Is King, Syracuse)
- ✚ 4 – Meeting with COO @ Davis College
- ✚ 4 – Class at Davis College
- ✚ 6 – BD Dr Rick Martin (Missionary to Peru)
- ✚ 7 – BCNY Executive Board

## ➡ **1st Sunday – Missionary Story**

A new home, new position, new ministry and new outlook came to Lorna Bius in the summer of 2012. Bius, the first LoveLoud catalyst appointed by the NAMB, moved from Nevada to Colorado to give leadership for the effort in the West Region for NAMB.

LoveLoud is a movement of churches demonstrating God's love by meeting significant human need while sharing Christ.

Bius hopes to multiply LoveLoud across the region. She will help discover churches that are already engaging in similar ministries, with the goal of replicated them contextually for other churches.

In addition to her new church family, Bius also has interaction with the Send North America: Denver team. I've made some good initial connections. Being in Denver is great. Twitter has been helpful, and I'm engaged in informal field research."

Bius isn't the only newbie with the LoveLoud team. The newest LoveLoud catalyst is Taylor Field, founding pastor of Graffiti Church in New York City.

Bius: "Taylor said one thing that resonated with me, and I will be using it everywhere I have the opportunity to speak. He said we need to, "Teach our

people to be light, not lightning.' We need to be there, not with just the quick strike, but for the long term”

Bius also sees LoveLoud as an avenue to develop future missionaries and leaders. She says LoveLoud gives people the opportunity to participate in serving others, helps them develop interests and skills, and shows them how to take those interests and skills and engage people with the gospel.

## ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

### **A Guide to Investments**

**STOCK:** A magical piece of paper that is worth \$33.75 until the moment you buy it. It will then be worth \$8.50.

**BOND:** What you had with your spouse until you pawned his/her golf clubs to invest in Amazon.com.

**BROKER:** The person you trust to help you make major financial decisions. Please note the first five letters of this word spell "Broke".

**BEAR:** What your trade account and wallet will be when you take a flyer on that hot stock tip your secretary gave you.

**BULL:** What your broker uses to explain why your mutual funds tanked during the last quarter.

**COMMISSION:** The only reliable way to make money on the stock market - which is why your broker charges you one.