

THE ECHO of Central New York Baptist Association
(Excerpts from **HART BEAT**, a weekly E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Key Leaders)

November 2012

From HART BEAT - 4 November 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **West Hill, Ithaca** where I preached in the absence of Pastor Bill Lower, who took a group of young people on a preview tour to Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA.
- I spent most of last week with the BCNY Disaster Relief Feeding Unit. I picked the unit up on Tuesday afternoon and drove it to the NYC area, arriving at a Red Cross staging area in Middletown, NY on Wednesday afternoon, where we waited until we got an assigned site. On Thursday, I delivered it to Deer Park, NY on Long Island. I was pleasantly surprised that I was able to navigate NYC traffic pulling a 40 foot gooseneck trailer. Lyn came down and picked me up on Friday and brought me home, where I was finally able to take off my boots and get a nice hot shower.

Last week when I picked up the BCNY DR Feeding Unit, I left my car at the BCNY office. After church today, I dropped Lyn off in Syracuse so she could drive my car home and I continued on to Troy, NY, where I will pick up the Hudson Association's shower trailer in the morning and deliver it to Long Island. As far as I know now, I will be going home Monday night.

On Tuesday I will get some scheduled blood work done early morning, vote, then go to Syracuse and pick up the BCNY Clean Up and Recovery Trailer or the BCNY Chain Saw Trailer and bring it back to Owego. On Wednesday morning I will deliver whichever trailer I picked up to northern New Jersey. I will likely spend the remainder of the week working with the Feeding Unit. Please remember to pray for our volunteers and other volunteers coming from across the SBC to help provide relief in this disaster.

- Southern Baptists have committed to prepare up to 450,000 meals a day in the NYC area to be delivered to shelters by the American Red Cross.

If you, or others in your church, would like to volunteer to work in the Feeding unit, the Clean-up Recovery unit, or the Chain Saw unit, call me (607-761-4313) or Mike Flannery (716-432-5333). Even if you can only work a day or two, it will provide relief for those who are there long term.

If you, your church, or someone else you know, would like to donate money for this relief effort, make the check payable to CNYBA and send it to our treasurer, Billie Winskie, at 589 Abell Rd, Little Meadows, PA 18830. Be sure to mark it

clearly as Hurricane Sandy Relief. We'll see that it gets used by Southern Baptists to help in the relief effort.

- **Outpouring, Oswego** pastor Zach Neyhard, and his wife Rebecca, are expecting the arrival of their first child, Daniel James Neyhard. The latest doctor visit brought a good report that all is progressing well. Zach and Rebecca have attended some Fundraising Training provided by the North American Mission Board and will be seeking to raise some funding for their ministry.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse**, has scheduled a Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, November 11 @ 6pm. Their Thanksgiving Celebration Service will be held on Tuesday, November 20 @ 7pm. A *Hanging of the Green* celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, November 25st at 6 PM**, when they will decorate, sing, and fill the building with Christmas symbols of joy and hope. On **November 10th at 7 PM**, they will host a free showing of the movie *October Baby*. They are partnering with New Hope Family Services to reach their community with a message of life and hope. To assist New Hope in their mission to serve moms and babies in need, they're asking people to bring baby care items to donate - such as diapers, wipes, formula (non-soy). There will be refreshments available and activities for children.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Joseph Hart 1759

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;

If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

My husband and I took our two-year-old daughter to the home-improvement store.

Madison got tired of walking, so my husband let her ride on his shoulders. As he walked, Madison began pulling his hair. Although he asked her to stop several times, she kept on.

Getting annoyed, he scolded, "Madison! Stop that!"

"But, Daddy," she replied, "I'm just trying to get my gum back."

From HART BEAT - 11 November 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Good News, Waverly** where John Talada has been pastor since the inception of the church in August 2009. After service we enjoyed a time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor John and his wife, Ginger.

It is my joy to represent CNYBA and Southern Baptists trying to make a small dent in the human misery that comes with a disaster. I'll be spending all of this week in Deer Park, helping with the feeding unit. I'll be taking a young man with me whom I have been trying to meet up with for the last couple of weeks. Since I've been on the road a lot with disaster relief efforts, he suggested he go with me and we could talk on the trip. He has started a church and is interested to learn about Southern Baptist. I guess there's no better place for him to learn about us than at a disaster relief effort.

Pastor Sam Macri and several folks from **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** spent a couple of days working with the BCNY Disaster Relief this past week. They went to Long Island, but were diverted to Staten Island. I believe several from Crosspoint are returning this week. I also heard that a few folks from **Northside, Liverpool** were helping in Deer Park this week-end. At least one lady from **North Fenton BC** will also be going down this week. If you want to help, call Mike Flannery directly at 716-432-5333.

- Julie Teachout (associate Pastor's wife @ **Canastota BC**) is recovering well from the heart valve surgery. Pastor Jeff Scott (Pastor @ **Canastota**) will undergo surgery for a benign brain tumor on Nov. 27th @ St. Elizabeth Hospital in Utica.

- **Emory Chapel, Barton** heard Dr. Rick Martin (our CNYBA Missionary to Peru) tonight. They plan to observe the Lord's Supper and have a Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, November 18th. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Grace, Rome** heard Dr. Rick Martin this morning. Rick and Donna are raising support and hope to be moving to Peru next Fall. If your church would like to hear Rick, call him at 607-240-3755.
- The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is planning a major relationship evangelism event for November 2013. The basic idea is for believers to invite family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, etc into their home for dinner and to watch a video by Billy Graham. Training is available now to build up to the event in November 2013. I recommend that you talk with your pastor about the possibility of your church getting involved. The whole concept is laid out at www.myhopewithbillygraham.org.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here by Thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

There's a man trying to cross the street. As he steps off the curb a car comes screaming around the corner and heads straight for him. The man walks faster, trying to hurry across the street, but the car changes lanes and is still coming at him.

So the guy turns around to go back, but the car changes lanes again and is still coming at him. By now, the car is so close and the man so scared that he just freezes and stops in the middle of the road. The car gets real close, then swerves at the last possible moment and screeches to a halt right next him.

The driver rolls down the window. The driver is a squirrel. The squirrel says to the man, "See, it's not as easy as it looks, is it?"

From HART BEAT - 18 November 2012

- This issue of HART BEAT is a couple of days late because I have been on Long Island working in the BCNY Disaster Relief Feeding Unit. This time, I was there for nine days, arriving home Tuesday evening. In conjunction with an Arkansas Baptist State Convention kitchen that was set up next to ours, we cooked 8,000 to 12,000 meals a day, which were delivered by the Red Cross to persons affected by Hurricane Sandy. The four SBC kitchens set up across the region have cooked in excess of 1.2 million meals so far. The cooking continues on this Thanksgiving Day.
- I spent a couple days working as a yellow hat under a blue hat from Mississippi. When the MS group went home, I became the blue hat for our BCNY unit. I am extremely thankful for, and proud of, the great volunteers from CNYBA who came to help. At this writing, Paula Maine, a member at **Crosspoint**, Whitesboro, is serving as our head cook and plans to be there for the duration, along with her two sons. Several from several CNYBA churches have joined others from across the BCNY to staff the kitchen in this extended call out. I urge as many CNYBA folks as possible to take advantage of the Disaster Relief training that is scheduled to be held at **Grace, Rome** on May 31 – June 1, 2013. I would like to see CNYBA play a major role in staffing the BCNY Disaster Relief Feeding and Recovery Units in the future.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,

And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

Refrain

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

Refrain

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Refrain

- **Have You Heard This One?**

On a street, where the speed is limited to 30 mph the police stop a driver.

"Not only have you been driving too fast, you've been passing cars where it is not allowed. Your lights don't work, your tires all completely worn out. This is surely going to cost you a lot. What's your name?"

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"Well, I'll let you go this time but don't do it again."

From HART BEAT - 25 November 2012

- Lyn has been under the weather with a bad cold the last few days and is trying to get well enough to substitute teach most of next week, so she stayed home today

and I worshipped with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where Frank Adams has been pastor since April 2009.

- Don't forget to be praying for Jeff Scott, pastor at **Canastota BC**, who will have brain surgery on Tuesday at St. Luke Hospital in Utica. I plan to be there for the surgery, which is likely to be quite lengthy.
- On Wednesday, I plan to go back down to Long Island to manage the BCNY Disaster Relief Feeding Unit for what looks to be the last week of SBC feeding efforts in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The Arkansas DR Unit on site with us is slated to be closed this week, so it is even more important that we have some volunteers to work our kitchen in these waning days of the feeding effort.
- I finally got a chance to look at the October CNYBA Treasurer's Report as I got "caught up" after being away. As of the end of October we are \$4,769.69 above YTD Projected Income through October. Praise the Lord for our churches and their giving to CNYBA. Because of your giving, we are able to function on a self-sustaining basis – without income from any outside sources.
- Twice now Pastor Sam Macri, and several members of **Crosspoint, Whitesboro**, have gone down to Long Island to work in the BCNY Disaster Relief Feeding Unit. Currently, Paula Maine, a Crosspoint member, is serving as the long term head cook for the unit. Her two sons are also there with her.
- Several other CNYBA churches have sent members to work in the feeding unit on Long Island from time to time. If I am not there at the time, I may not be aware of all the groups who have volunteered. But I do want to express appreciation for every volunteer who has taken time to participate in this disaster relief effort. Hopefully, more of our CNYBA folks will attend the training session scheduled for May 31 – June 1, 2013 at **Grace, Rome**. We have a lot of gifted folks in CNYBA. I like to see us lead the way in supporting BCNY causes.
- **Christ Is King, Syracuse** reports one profession of faith, a lady who attends one of their Wednesday apartment building Bible studies. They currently have 4 active small groups. Their Sunday services are now being interpreted for the deaf. Please continue to pray for Pastor Jon Speed and his wife Kim. They are still dealing with issue related to the death of Kim's mother as well as health issues related to Jon's mother.
- Pastor Zach Neyhard and his wife Rebecca (**Outpouring, Oswego**) are expecting their first child, Daniel. She and the baby have been having some health issues. Please continue to pray for them.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

She is from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

Here's hoping there is no one like this at your workplace.

Faced with hard times, the company offered a bonus of one thousand dollars to any employee who could come up with a way of saving money.

The bonus went to a young woman in accounting who suggested limiting future bonuses to ten dollars