



The Smith Soundings: July 2011

Our Busy Month:

Conference Report:

Thank you for praying for our family over the last month! It has certainly been a busy one for us!

We took off for Iowa one week earlier than we had originally planned. On July 11th, central Iowa was hit with a pretty terrible wind storm with wind speeds nearing 100-130 mph! Our home town of Marshalltown was hit pretty hard, and most homes sustained tree and even home damage and were without electricity for days. Andy's parents had trees and limbs down all over the place, and had exterior and interior damage to their house. They called Andy to request our help with the clean up efforts, and since the timing was so close to our CBM conference, we ended up staying the whole week. Andy worked with his brothers to clean up the property and repair the roof and porch. It was good to be able to help out, but we missed being on the project too. While we were gone, the steeple and a cross were placed on the outside of the church and they worked on duct work. Since getting back the drywall has been started. There was an electrical inspection today which we passed.

While we were in Iowa, we got to spend extra time with family and friends. All of this was fun, but at the same time we both had Andy's sermon preparation on our minds. In the midst of all the work, Andy was still able to spend the time he needed to prepare for his sermon and God blessed his studying.

After most of the repair work was done, we had the excitement of attending the CBM Family Conference. We stayed in the dorms of Faith Baptist Bible College. That is the school where I graduated. Being back in the dorms brought back a lot of memories, but I realized one thing about them now that I hadn't back then: those dorms rooms are not baby proof! Not something I had to worry about in college—Praise God!

The boys were a blessing to have with us, but there was some disappointment when Judah woke up with stomach virus symptoms on Tuesday morning. Asher had some symptoms too, so we all stayed back in our room for a few days while either Andy or I attended the sessions. Thankfully, the boys were mostly better by Thursday, just a little more tired than usual.

Thank you for praying for Andy's time preaching! His sermon went well and he was blessed to be able to share what God had been teaching him. The sermon was recorded and I am thinking about posting it on our website or facebook for you to be able to listen to it—if I can figure out how to do that. Overall, the week of conference was a blessing, and even though we both didn't get to attend all the sessions like we wanted to, we were still blessed to see our fellow missionaries and receive encouragement from God's Word! We look forward to attending again next year when CBM will celebrate its 70th Anniversary.

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Elizabeth with her three new nieces:
Katelynne, Olivia and Ruthie.

Some Requests for Prayer:

- Praise God for Andy's opportunity to preach at the CBM Conference. He was glad to have that positive experience.
- Please pray for Andy and the other builders as they work Tuesdays-Saturdays. Pray not only for their physical safety, but also for their testimonies as they work. They have countless opportunities to shine for Jesus to believers and unbelievers alike!
- Please pray for our testimony to the people around us at the campground. We have very close interactions with one neighbor in particular. We desire to show Jesus to all our neighbors.
- Please pray for the VBS ministry at our church here in Wisconsin. We will be involved in this ministry in small ways. The dates for the VBS are August 8-12.
- Please pray for us next month as we help my (Elizabeth's) brother and his family move to Plano, TX. Andy's brother's family has graciously offered to watch the boys for us as we make the trip South. We will be traveling on August 11-15.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!