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Praise God with us:

- We have 99% of our support.
- We had a successful garage sale!
- We are pregnant, due in December!

Please remember us in prayer:

- Andy's safety as he works.
- Opportunities for ministry while here in Rockford.
- God's protection over Elizabeth and baby during this pregnancy.
- Judah's health and salvation.

Our life in Michigan

We've been getting used to living in Michigan and being so closely involved with our mission office. Since we live in the back parking lot of the CBM headquarters, it affords us many opportunities to interact with the CBM staff! One day this month we got to participate in a farewell picnic for our out-going church planting director, Tom Logsdon.

Last month we made the short trip over to Holland, MI to enjoy their annual Tulip Festival. We saw beautiful tulips and were able to look around at their shops. It was a wonderful day!

Back on the road again!

This last month we got back on the road for meetings and a trip back to Iowa for our garage sale.

We were blessed to be able to present our ministry at Faith Baptist Church in Elida, Ohio. God has given this body of believers a heart to serve Him and honor missionaries, so it truly was a blessing to be amongst them!

One way that God showed Himself to me while we were at this church is maybe insignificant to most, but so cool to me! On the way down to this meeting, in our van, I was looking at a Pampered Chef catalog that I had received at a cooking show. I was day-dreaming about what things I would like to have if I had the money.

I picked out several things. That Sunday when we were in Elida, our hostess took me through their missionary cupboard. It was an extensive collection and I felt blessed to be able to look through it for items that we might need. She pointed me to a whole shelf full of Pampered Chef items! Wouldn't you know it, they had every single item that I had picked out! They weren't things that I necessarily needed, but God knew I wanted them. It's neat to see God provide for our wants as well as our needs.

Last week we also made our way back to Iowa for a garage sale of all our old things that can't fit in our trailer: couch, bed, dresser, bookshelves, lamps, chairs, etc. We had a very successful sale! God blessed us with over \$500! We were able to get rid of most everything.

Ministry Update:

Andy's work is going well on the CBM service center. This last month they worked a lot on the drywall on the ceiling. Andy is working with one other gentlemen, also a CBM missionary, Bernie Schermer. They also had the opportunity to help some local churches with window and exit light installations.

Andy is very much enjoying doing the physical work of construction again! As far as we know, we will be assigned here to the home office through the summer. Although that could certainly change in the meantime. There is plenty to keep Andy busy, so we are thankful for that. God has us just where He wants us.

Special News:

Please be in prayer for us for one special reason: we are expecting our next baby at the end of this year, in December! We are glad to be near to Grand Rapids where we feel we can get good prenatal care. We have already seen the doctor and will see the specialist next week. Please pray for God's protection over this new life and for God's strength for our family as we go through this pregnancy, knowing that it may be a stretching time for us all.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!