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Judah and Daddy getting ready to
leave for church.

Praise God with us:

- We have 96% of our support.
- 1 month of successful bed rest for Elizabeth!
- God's people helping us.

Please remember us in prayer:

- Two more months of successful bed rest for Elizabeth.
- Health and safety for Andy.
- Judah's health and salvation.

The Smith Soundings

Quarterly Update

SEPTEMBER 2010

Elizabeth:

Thank you for your prayers for our family during this time of need. I am in week 26 of our third pregnancy. We are expecting another baby boy on December 22nd.

I went on complete bed rest last month, at 22 weeks, in order to prevent my body from going into premature labor. We were accepting the possibility of bed rest, but were praying against it, since we know from last time that bed rest is not fun at all for anyone involved! In the end, complete bed rest has been deemed necessary in order for me to, Lord willing, finish this pregnancy with a healthy, full term baby in December. Even though it was not what I wanted, I thank God that there is something I can do to help this baby have a better chance at life!

I've been on bed rest for a month now. I'm thankful to God for allowing me to have this last month with the baby inside, growing and developing! The baby is now considered "viable" outside the womb. I have been having weekly ultrasounds and this week's test showed increased progression toward preterm labor. The news was discouraging, but we know God can help me stay strong much longer if that is His will. The plan is for me to get up at 35 weeks, or November 17th. Please pray I make it that long! Thank you for your prayers!

Andy:

As you can imagine, Andy's life has gotten a little more hectic in the last month! In spite of all the changes at home, he is still working consistently with the building ministry of CBM. He just finished with a construction project at Maranatha Baptist Church. Andy and other builders and volunteers gave the church a new roof, and they also made some other improvements to the church structure. Now that it is finished, he will return to work on the CBM service center.

Andy has led our family into a new routine during this time of bed rest. To describe his new role most accurately, he is virtually a single parent who is also caring for an invalid. He is keeping up, but is exhausted each day, and, I'm sure, anxious to have my help again when all this is over. God is stretching him right now as there is also much that needs to be done to get the trailer ready for the winter season and, wouldn't you know it, both our vehicles are having problems! Please pray for him as he cares for Judah, me, ministry work and household details.

We praise God we have Him in our lives; He who is our strength and help! God is sending so many people into our path to help with repairs, food, childcare, cleaning, etc. We are greatly encouraged by God's people!

Judah and baby brother:

Our Judah is now 17 months old and asserting his own will and independence. Kind of a bad time for him to be discovering his pleasure in doing things his own way when Mama can't help very well with discipline! But, he is learning a bit more each day (hopefully) about being a helper around the house by obeying and listening to Daddy and Mama. It's a slow process, but will be worth the work in the end, as I'm sure most of you can identify!

Our "undercover" baby boy is doing well. All our weekly ultrasounds show that he is growing and healthy. I received two steroid shots a couple weeks ago to help mature his lungs just in case he is born premature, so hopefully his lungs are doing their thing and maturing right on schedule. Right now he is in the breech position, which is understandably not a concern to the doctor at this time, but I am praying that he turns the right way soon so that it will ease my discomfort caused by him being breech. Please continue to pray for the life and health of our baby! I'm doing my best to stay down and inactive, but this is all in God's hands. We ask Him to preserve the life of our third son.

As another reminder, if you are interested in following my pregnancy progress and our ministry more closely, you can check out our ministry blog, where I post weekly updates: <http://blog.andyandelizabethsmith.com>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!