



The Smith Soundings: August 2011

Project Update:

Other News:

Thank you for your prayers for our family! We have had another busy month filled with work and activities. We have enjoyed all of our activities.

The construction on the church is going well! They are finishing up the mudding this week and hope to begin painting soon. This week Andy has temporarily paused his electrical work in order to help finish up the drywall work. He likes those opportunities to get dirty! We have had many visitors to the project this month. A family from Iowa City came to help and they had 4 kids, so it was nice to spend some time with them. We also had Ben and Katie Wooster come and help on the project one weekend. They are a young couple currently on deputation to be builders with CBM. We also met a young couple who came from Alabama. They had an almost two-year-old, so she and Judah enjoyed playing together.

This last week was VBS at our church. We used RBP's "Rev it Up" curriculum. While Andy watched the boys during the evening, I volunteered with the 4-6 year olds. What a privilege to serve in that way! We know of two young girls who understood and accepted God's gift of salvation. One of those girls was camping at our campground with her family and was invited to come to VBS by one of our missionary ladies! Her family lives in Sauk City, so she would be able to continue attending our church if her parents let her do that. We praise God for a great week of VBS!

We just returned home from our trip to Texas, where we moved Elizabeth's brother's family to the Dallas area in order for him to attend Dallas Theological Seminary in the fall. We were able to use our 36 foot "tool trailer" to haul all their belongings. We were so honored to be able to help them and serve God in this way. It was tough to tell them goodbye, but we are excited to see how God will work in their lives and lead their family in the future. We praise God for a safe trip and for no truck or trailer trouble! We also thank God that we had Andy's brother's family to watch our boys while we were gone.

We now know where our next building project will be and where we will be spending this winter...in Guilderland, NY, near Albany. We will be working with Pastor Jeff Minniear and the congregation of Grace Baptist Church. Our lead builder is Sean Genung, and we will be joined by two other builder families. This church needs a parsonage built on their property in order to be able to call a fulltime pastor. Housing costs are so high in that area, that it would be very difficult for them to be able to call a fulltime pastor without also offering a parsonage.

At the end of this month we will remember our first son, Collin, who would have turned four years old on August 28th. We have decided to take the boys to Iowa for the weekend to visit his gravesite and to just have some nice family time in his memory. Please pray for our traveling during that time and for our time together as a family.

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Elizabeth with two girls at the craft table during last week's Vacation Bible School ministry.

Be sure to check our website for more family and ministry pictures:
www.andyandelizabethsmith.com

Some Requests for Prayer:

- Praise God for the safety He provided on our trip to Texas to move Elizabeth's brother and family. We saw God work and provide in wonderful ways!
- Praise God for a successful week of VBS at our church here in Sauk City, WI! We know of two girls who were saved!
- 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 our future ministry in Guilderland, NY with Grace Baptist Church. We ask God for safety as we travel there (arriving on Nov. 1st) and for effective ministry on the building and in the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!