

## Smith Soundings August 2009

We ended our last update letter acknowledging our excitement to share with you how God has been answering your prayers regarding our meeting schedule and travel plans. Well, we certainly have a lot to share with you about how God is working!

The Lord brought us safely to Covington Baptist Church in Covington, PA, which is about one hour north of Williamsport, PA. God allowed for us to be able to take our newly fixed 5<sup>th</sup>-wheel trailer with us on our trip! Thank you for praying that our trailer would be fixed in time to go with us! It was fixed and ready to go just one day before we left! We are now parked in the church parking lot, and this church has already been such a huge blessing to us! Within the first week we were here, we were invited to a picnic lunch and two activities with the young couples of the church! Also, whenever we have had issues with the trailer, whether they are electrical or plumbing, God has supplied someone connected with the church to help us with our problems! My favorite blessing was when a man from the church had leftover pop from a get-together that he had and he wanted to give it to us. It happened to be my favorite kind of pop! You can never have enough Diet Coke! ☺ The Lord is certainly taking care of us and it has been such an adventure finding God's blessings to us each day!

We have almost completed one month of meetings out here in the Pennsylvania/New York area. We truly have left each meeting feeling that God may use those churches to bless our ministry, whether through prayer or financial support. They have been such good meetings, and the fellowship of God's church body has been so encouraging. One thing about being so far away from what is familiar to us, we tend to rely more on God and trust Him more with our concerns and problems. That's why these long trips are always such a growing time for us as we look for God's provision in our lives. We are happy to be experiencing God's leading and testing in our lives through deputation. Those of you who have been on deputation before know exactly how difficult it can be, but we have learned to look for God's purpose and plan in each experience, and ask, "What can we learn about God or ourselves through this?" Praise God that we can continually grow in Him.

The Lord has continued to raise our financial support level! We are now at 75% of our need! Praise the Lord! We are excited to be this close to our goal: 85% by Spring 2010! Please continue to pray with us over our financial need. The Lord has been faithful to supply us with our truck, trailer and tool trailer. Now we wait on Him to provide our monthly support. In His time we will reach this milestone and we will give Him all the glory and praise—just like always

Now for an update on our little Judah! He is now four months old and showing his personality! He does so well on our deputation meetings. He will smile at whoever talks to him, which pleases all who meet him! He has been sleeping through the night for awhile now, which pleases his mommy and daddy! This week he started rolling over more and we like to look and see what crazy position we'll find him in each morning. He really is such a content baby and is growing so big and strong! He has his 4-month check up with a local pediatrician in Williamsport this week; I'm excited to see

how much he weighs. We are constantly adding new pictures of Judah and our family to our website, so be sure to check it out! On our website you can also find information about the current building projects, a list of our upcoming meetings, and a link to my blog, which I update weekly! The address is <http://www.andyandelizabethsmith.com>.

We look forward to Thanksgiving time when we will be headed back to Iowa--for more reasons than just the yummy Thanksgiving Day meals! We are excited to see new family members when we arrive back in Iowa. We are expecting one niece and another niece or nephew (we don't know yet which it will be.) Several of you have asked about how my twin sister, Deborah, is doing since her and her husband lost their first daughter in much the same way that we lost our Collin. I'm happy to say that they are expecting another baby girl this November! Deborah is actually due the day after our birthday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Praise the Lord her pregnancy is going very well! She has not had to go on bedrest, and they do not expect her to have any problems like she did last time—although they are still being careful and checking regularly with ultrasounds. Thank you for your prayers for her during the time of their loss; now you can pray for a healthy end to her pregnancy and a healthy baby girl in November! The other baby is my brother and sister-in-law's, and that little one will be here around Labor Day!

Thank you for your continued prayers! We are having a wonderful time living in PA! God is so good!

Here is our upcoming schedule:

August 23rd: First Baptist Church, Holland, NY  
August 30th: First Day Baptist Church, Richburg, NY  
September 6th: Covington Baptist Church, Covington, PA  
September 13th: First Baptist Church, Hallstead, PA  
September 20th & 23rd: Central Baptist Church, Yorkshire, NY  
September 27: Northmoreland Baptist Church, Centermoreland, PA  
October 4<sup>th</sup>: Mortons Corners Baptist Church, Springville, NY  
October 7th: North Chester Baptist Church, Chester, PA (update)  
October 11th & 14th: Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, PA  
October 18th: First Baptist Church, Hamburg, NY  
October 25th & 28th: Forest Lake Baptist Church, Forest Lake, PA  
November 7th-11th: Berean Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, IL (missions conference).  
November 12<sup>th</sup>: Speakers at CBM Friends and Family Banquet at Maranatha Baptist Church in Grimes, IA.

Thanks again for your prayers!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy & Elizabeth Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Andy, Elizabeth and Judah Smith