

## Smith Soundings February 2010

We have more exciting news to share! The big news is that we know where our first building project will be: Wakefield, MI! We found this out just days ago. It is in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, just above Wisconsin. Everything we know about the area we have learned from Wikipedia, so we don't feel too intelligent about our future home yet. We do know that the building project will consist of giving the church there (Calvary Baptist Church) a face lift. This church is a former CBM plant site that needs some work in different places, from what we understand. We will be partnering with Shawn Genung (and family), who will be serving as the lead builder for this project. The start date is tentatively scheduled for late May. We will be posting more information on our website and blog as we learn more about our future home and ministry.

We have been thinking that we may leave our spot here at the campground in Tama, IA right after Easter (April 4<sup>th</sup>). There is a possibility that Andy could be used at the CBM home office in Rockford, MI for some building projects there. There is also a church close to the home office that needs a new roof, and Andy could help out there too. These plans are not set in stone yet, but the possibility exists.

We have our last meeting this weekend in Sauk Centre, MN. This is a supporting church, so we are visiting with them for the day to share an update and Andy will preach. We will enjoy meeting with that church body again. Please pray for us as we travel on Saturday (Feb. 27) and Monday (March 1).

We had a wonderful experience at the Biblical Counseling Training Seminar in Lafayette, IN. We found that it was impossible for us to learn about how to help others with marital problems, parenting problems, how to go through grief, how to handle conflict, etc., without first applying it to ourselves! It was a fantastic time for us to evaluate our priorities and our focus as followers of Christ! We gained invaluable training and confidence in how to help others go through life's problems and trials. Thank you to our sending church and our supporting church in New York who made it possible for us to enjoy this great seminar!

When we aren't traveling for meetings, we have been enjoying our time with our sending church. Our pastor (the man who has seen us through our whole deputation experience and has been a wonderful mentor to us) resigned last month, so our church is in the process of hiring a new senior pastor. Please pray that God would lead the right man to our church body. We have another prayer request for a dear sister in the Lord, who is also from our sending church; the mother of our sister-in-law, Jodi. Please pray for Faye and for Faye's family. Faye is fighting courageously her battle with cancer, and her family has been a wonderful testimony to our God through it all. Please pray that Faye's pain would be minimal and that Faye's family would have wonderful opportunities for memorable moments with her in the coming months. Our hearts and prayers are with them.

Please continue to pray about our search for land on which to park our trailer in future times of furlough. We continue to look for just the right piece of property. Please ask God to reveal to us His will in this matter.

Thank you for your continued prayers!

By God's grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy & Elizabeth Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed names of the signatories.

Andy, Elizabeth and Judah Smith