

The Smith Soundings July 2008

Dear prayer partners,

July 16, 2008

Thank you for your prayers this past month! We have been enjoying our opportunities for ministry this summer! We're staying very busy with weeks at camp and conferences, as well as our normal deputation meetings on the weekends. We struggle to put into words the awesome experiences we have had. Andy has tried, and would like to share with you his thoughts about how we have been seeing God work:

This past month, Elizabeth and I had the opportunity to be the missionary speakers for the Jr. Boys camp at Iowa Regular Baptist Camp in Clear Lake, IA. This is an opportunity that I took with great excitement and joy as I had been praying for a chance to do camp ministry again. I soon found out how privileged I was to be there. Our God very clearly put together a team of speakers that He could use to do a wondrous works in the hearts of the campers. As the missionary speakers for the week, we worked alongside the main speaker, Pastor Moore of Dysart, IA. Some highlights of the week consisted of watching and hearing of the decisions for salvation. We know of at least 20 campers that were born again into the Family of God--they were adopted by God's sovereign will to be His children. This was amazing to witness. Elizabeth and I would hear at random times throughout the week of these salvation decisions that happened after the evening session or late at night with their counselors or early in the morning by the lake. One morning as I was about to speak, Elizabeth and I were confronted by a camper who had a smile from ear to ear. He told us that he had just become a Son to our God (we had just talked about that topic the night before – when we accept this free gift of salvation, we become children of God. Our Father is God!). We had tremendous joy to welcome him as a brother in Christ! He went from there to the next counselor to tell him Whose child he is now. Our God was clearly using this week to do some harvesting.

Another exciting highlight for the week was how many decisions were made for baptism. I had the distinct pleasure to help counsel a camper on this decision of baptism. He was ready to go home and proclaim to all of his church family that he is a child of God and that he is committed to following after Christ in his life, and he wanted to do this by being obedient in believer's baptism.

I had three campers who made specific memorials in my life. On my last session of speaking I gave opportunity for 2 campers to come forth and give testimony of how they have been challenged to be "Anchored to the Rock." One of the campers came and said that he desired to become a pastor. This was a blessing to hear. Secondly, I was encouraged to hear how one of the campers was steadfast in Christ during some hard times. I was moved to give him my Bible--praying that God would use His Word to comfort and direct this young life for His Glory. Thirdly, just before we left to go home after the last night session, a counselor came up to Elizabeth and me and informed us that because of how God used us during the week, one of his campers had decided to dedicate his life to serving in missions. This just brought us to tears to think that God had used us in such ways as this. I had the chance to chat with this camper before we left. He doesn't know what he wants to do in missions yet, but he does know that he desires to serve our God full time! We thank the Lord for how He has been using us to reach the kids and others with whom we come into contact. We are so privileged to be used in this way!

The Lord has increased our support level to 53%! We continue to be so thankful to the Lord for revealing to us, in His timing, our partners in the ministry. This is our first month drawing support from our account at the mission agency, which is the money that we receive as support. Even though we don't have our secular jobs anymore, we still stay busy with ministry duties: camps, conferences, phone calls, traveling for meetings, work

on the trailer, etc. This week we took our trailer in to get new tires and to have some maintenance work done on it.

Please pray for our upcoming meetings:

Indianola, IA - Indianola Regular Baptist church	July 20, 2008
Raccoon River Bible Camp--Missionary Speakers	July 21-25, 2008
Yarmouth, IA- First Baptist Church (revisit)	August 17, 2008
Kansas City, KS - Oak Grove Baptist church (revisit)	Aug. 24, 2008
Galesburg, IL, Harmony Baptist Church	Sept. 7, 2008
Metamora, IL Germantown Hills Baptist	Sept. 14, 2008

Thank you again for your prayers and kindness to us. We look forward to reporting to you next month as we anticipate how God will continue to work!

By God's grace,



Andy & Elizabeth Smith
CBM Missionary Builder Appointees

P.S. We have attached some pictures for you to see of our time at camp. We used the illustration of a domino with the kids. We talked about how we can tip over easily and fall just like dominoes if our lives are not "anchored to the Rock." We ended up giving each of the boys one of the dominoes to take home with them.

