

# The Smith Soundings

## Quarterly Update

JUNE 2008

To our Faithful Partners,

What a wonderful quarter we have had! In the last three months we have been very busy! In early spring we made our seventh trip out East. We spent three weeks out there continuing our deputation schedule. We were privileged to spend time in at least five churches to present our ministry. We were also thankful for the many opportunities we had to meet with local pastors on an individual basis to discuss future meetings with their churches. We had some wonderful ministry opportunities as we shared with churches. The Lord continues to bless us each time we present the ministry. Our hearts are so passionate for what God is doing in North America, and we take seriously the part He is having us play right now on deputation.



One highlight of the trip was being able to help out at the CBM build site in the Bronx, NY, where they are turning an old Jewish synagogue into a Baptist Church (pictured above). That project has been under construction for awhile now, and they hope to wrap things up this summer or fall. We are certainly praying to that end.



Praise the Lord for warmer weather and for spring! This spring our spirits have been refreshed and we have known peace and joy in the Lord! These tulips are in Central Park in NYC. It was beautiful!

This last week we officially started our summer ministry schedule. We were the missionary speakers at a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for a supporting church in Lincoln, NE. We taught three groups of kids each day. Andy taught older kids and I taught the younger kids. We both had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed our ministry with the kids. There were at least 3 salvation decisions (that we know of) during the week. This last week served to kind of prepare us for next week when we will be the missionary speakers at Iowa Regular Baptist Camp in Clear Lake, IA. Andy will be teaching all week to the Jr. Boys. The theme for the week is "Anchored to the Rock." Andy will speak from 1 Peter 2:1-12. He will ask them to be anchored to the rock by getting rid of the "trash" that prevents them from being anchored to Jesus, and instead pursuing God in the Word and in ministry. Please praise the Lord with us for the great week we had at VBS, and please continue to pray for us as we minister at camp next week (June 16-20).

### **PRAISE THE LORD WITH US FOR HIS PROVISION!**

We have wonderful news to tell you about our financial support! **THE LORD HAS INCREASED OUR SUPPORT LEVEL TO 51.5%!** We hope you hear us when we say that the Lord did it all! We have been faithful to His calling on our lives, and He has been faithful in return. Last month we stepped out in faith to quit our jobs in order to pursue missions full-time. Andy has completely stopped working at his secular job. I have gone down to a minimal part-time position. As of July 1st we will be purchasing our own health insurance. So, we are completely dependent on our financial support from our partners like you. We praise the Lord for bringing us to this "memorial" in our journey! Thank you for your faithful giving and ministry through prayer!

**Please remember us in prayer for these things:**

Praise the Lord for the increase in our support! Please continue to pray that we will reach our goal of 85% by next spring so that we can be on the field full-time.

Pray for our scheduled meetings and ministry opportunities this summer. We look forward to how God is going to be working through and in us. Pray for the kids that will be under our teaching; that God would challenge them to change, and that we would speak clearly.

Praise the Lord for the meetings He is supplying for us. We are thankful for each opportunity to stand before the Church and tell how God is working and what He is leading us to do. Pray for follow up from our meetings so far. We pray that the Lord would continue to keep us on the hearts and minds of those we met, and that they would be stirred to support us in prayer and financial support.

Pray for Andy as he seeks additional meetings this year and next. Pray that the Lord would lead him to the right pastors to call, and also that Andy would be able to find time to make these phone calls in the midst of our busy schedule.

Please pray for continued safety on the road as we travel these coming months.

Please pray for God to continually mature us and that we would be open to His leading and teaching.

**Please pray for our upcoming meetings/agenda for next quarter:**

June 16-20: Missionary Speakers at IRBC in Clear Lake, IA: Jr. Boys Week.

June 22: Prairie Flower Baptist Church, Washington, IA

June 23-27: National GARBC Conference in Cedar Rapids, IA—pray for flood waters to subside!

June 29: First Baptist Church, Faribault, MN

July 6: Calvary Baptist Church, Walnut, IA

July 13: Good News Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, IA

July 14-18: Annual CBM Family Conference in Ankeny, IA

July 20: Indianola Regular Baptist Church, Indianola, IA

August 2: Elizabeth's sister's wedding in Marshalltown, IA

September 7: Harmony Baptist Church, Galesburg, IL

September 14: Germantown Hills Baptist Church, Metamora, IL

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer to this ministry! We are so blessed by your partnership!

With love,



We've included some pictures from our time at Calvary Baptist Church in Little Egg Harbor, NJ. Andy got to help out with their church work day. They all said he was brave to get on that ladder. The second picture is of me on "Brant Beach" which is special to me because my maiden name is Brant. As you can see, we managed to have some fun on our trip!

