

## Smith Soundings May 2009

Thank you for your prayers for us recently as we have been keeping busy with ministry and family! This last month we have spent most of our energy and time with our new little boy, Judah. He is now 6 weeks old and hitting another growth spurt! When we wrote you last, we asked for prayer over his growth, specifically that he would gain weight. Well, God has answered your prayers. Judah is growing fast and now weighs between 9-10 pounds. He's already outgrown some outfits and his newborn size diapers. Thank you for praying that he would grow, but you can stop now! ☺ It's tempting to wish him small forever! But, seriously, we praise God for allowing Judah to be so healthy and strong!

Thank you also for your prayers for Elizabeth as she recovers from months on bedrest and also her cesarean delivery. She is experiencing "new" things every day: driving a car, taking a walk, carrying groceries and stacks of laundry. Some things she hasn't done since last August when we found out we were pregnant because her activity level was restricted right away. She depends on the Lord for strength each day and it is so nice to see her up and doing things again, as well as enjoying her new role as Mommy to Judah. This Mother's Day was special for us as we celebrated while remembering and loving both our boys: Collin and Judah.

This month we have been getting ready for busier schedules next month. In June we will start back on deputation. For a couple of Sundays we will stay within the Midwest for meetings, but then we will head back East for four months of meetings with churches and pastors. We plan on taking our 5<sup>th</sup>-wheel trailer with us so that we can live in it full time and have our home with us. Covington Baptist Church in Covington, PA has offered to let us park our trailer in their parking lot for the duration of our trip. It can be tough traveling away from home for such long periods of time, so we hope that having our "home" with us will help keep up our spirits and comfort level. We will move into our trailer in early June. We have offered the parsonage that we currently live in to some fellow missionaries from our home church that will be home on furlough. We look forward to moving into our trailer and traveling with it on deputation! Please pray for us as we travel and live in our trailer. This is a new venture for us, but, obviously, something we will be doing full time in the future. Pray that the truck and trailer will hold up and work well for us throughout our travels.

We have much for which to praise the Lord this month! We are currently at 72% of our support level! We are reminded that our mission agency has set the goal of 85% in front of us before we can be on the mission field full time. It's exciting to see that we are almost there! Please keep praying for our support team. Pray that God would continue to reveal to us who would partner with us in this ministry! The Lord continues to prepare our hearts for ministry, and He is also supplying for some of our other needs! Recently we were able to purchase our tool trailer from a former missionary builder. We've been saving our money for our tool trailer, and we were able to purchase this trailer at a great price. This 36 foot tool trailer will hold all our tools and have plenty of space left over for our things that you would typically put in your attic or storage room. We thank the Lord for providing this need! We just keep seeing the Lord provide for our needs and now that we have both of our trailers, we just wait on the Lord to supply our financial support! In His time we will be serving as builders full time for the churches of North America!

Please pray for our upcoming schedule:

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Move into our trailer and move to Outback Campground in Tama, IA.

June 14<sup>th</sup>: Winifred Baptist Church; Winifred, KS

June 21<sup>st</sup>: Harvest Baptist Church; Williamsburg, IA

July 5<sup>th</sup>: First Baptist Church, Bloomfield, IA

July 12<sup>th</sup>: Liberty Baptist Church, Dike, IA (update to supporting church).

July 19<sup>th</sup>: Update our sending church, Center Street Baptist Church.

July 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>nd</sup>: CBM Family Conference in Ankeny, IA

July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Leave for trip out East

July 26<sup>th</sup>: Skyline Baptist Church; Rome, NY

We appreciate your prayers over our summer schedule as we travel many miles and seek to do the Lord's will on deputation. Please pray for the rest of our support to come in the Lord's timing. We look forward to moving our family onto the mission field full time and building churches for Him!

Thank you for your prayers and support!

By God's grace,

Andy, Elizabeth and Judah Smith

