

## Smith Soundings October 2009

Dear prayer partners,

Thank you for your prayers for us as we have been on deputation in northern Pennsylvania and the surrounding area. We have had some great meetings! The Lord is blessing our financial need. We now have 81% of our needed financial support! We praise the Lord for the continued increase of our support and we look forward to reaching full support so we can be fulltime on the mission field building churches and ministering in communities! Our goal is to be at 85% by Spring of 2010, which is when CBM plans to start their next building projects.

Life is getting more beautiful and a little chillier here in North-central PA. It has been wonderful living amongst the colorful hills this fall as the trees are changing colors. We tend to travel very early on Sunday mornings for our meetings, and they have been absolutely gorgeous drives! We feel privileged to be able to partake in this beauty the Lord displays. Since it is getting colder, we have been working diligently to get our trailer ready for winter weather. We have been putting plastic on windows, new insulation and heat lights in the under belly and placing space heaters around the trailer in order to save on propane costs.

We continue to be blessed by the church body here in Covington. They have been so good to let us park in their church parking lot for the last three months, and include us in a lot of their church activities. It will be difficult to leave all these gracious and kind people that we enjoy so much. We anticipate this will be a reoccurring difficulty for us as we leave each build site in the years to come!

Our plan is to pull out of Covington on October 28<sup>th</sup> and head toward Erie, PA where we will get our trailer fitted for skirting, which will help insulate the underbelly during the winter time. From there we hope to head down to the Cincinnati area, where we want to visit the Creation Museum for a couple days. That is something we are looking forward to doing. We pray that everything goes smoothly with travel so that we will be able to fit this little vacation into our schedule. In early November, we are scheduled to be in Bunker Hill, IL for a missions conference, and after that we will head back to Iowa. We look forward to speaking at the annual CBM Banquet in Grimes, IA this fall. We will have the opportunity to give our testimonies and testify of God's work in our lives. We always enjoy the opportunity to glorify the Lord by speaking of His faithfulness to us.

Judah turned six months old last weekend. We dressed him up and took him out into the fall colors and took several pictures of him to honor his first half-birthday. Take a look at our website to see all our favorites under the "Family Pictures" tab: <http://www.andyandelizabethsmith.com>. This past week we felt Judah's first tooth poking through! This would explain all the drooling and fist chewing he has been doing lately! Judah is such a social baby; he has gotten used to all the attention he gets at our meetings on Sundays. He will smile at anyone and everyone, and I keep telling him to save some of those smiles for his grandparents in November! We do look forward to heading back to Iowa for the holidays and letting Judah get reacquainted with relatives.

Thank you again for your prayers for us and our pre-field ministry schedule. Please pray for our schedule next year. We are considering where the Lord would have us pursue more meetings to fill our deputation schedule for next spring. It can be a difficult task, so please pray for Andy as he plans our next step. This fall we are also planning on sending a letter to all the churches we have visited during our time on deputation--just to let the church bodies know we are still here, still pursuing God's calling on our hearts. Hopefully these churches will be prompted to again consider us for support. Church congregations have a lot to consider this year as they build their budgets with the economy the way it is, and all the other missionaries who need support. Please pray for the reception of these letters; we hope they will remember us as they form their church budgets.

Here is an updated list of our scheduled meetings through the end of the year:

October 11th & 14th: Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, PA

October 18<sup>th</sup> & 21st: First Baptist Church, Hamburg, NY

October 25th: Forest Lake Baptist Church, Forest Lake, PA

October 28<sup>th</sup>: Pulling out from Covington, PA and heading to Erie, PA area for fitting for trailer skirting.

November 1st: First Baptist Church, Roulette, PA

November 7th-11th: Berean Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, IL (missions conference).

November 12<sup>th</sup>: Speaking at CBM Friends and Family Banquet at Maranatha Baptist Church in Grimes, IA.

November 15th: Ferguson Christian Bible Church, Ferguson, IA

November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Fellowship Baptist Church, Des Moines, IA

Thank you for your prayers and support!

By God's grace,

Andy & Elizabeth & Judah Smith