

The Smith Soundings

Quarterly Update

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*T*o our Faithful Partners,

Thank you for your prayers and support for our family over the last quarter! We have been having many adventures now that we are living in our 5th-wheel trailer full time and traveling for our deputation meetings in Pennsylvania and New York.

This last June we moved out of the parsonage of our sending church, and into our trailer! Eight weeks ago, we moved our home to Covington, PA, where we are currently parked for the next seven weeks. We have settled in the parking lot of Covington Baptist Church. The pastor and the church family here have been incredibly accommodating and kind to us. We have had the opportunity to get acquainted with many of the people in the church and have even joined a small group that meets each Thursday night. What a blessing to be in one spot for long enough to participate in church activities!

We can't fully convey to you what a blessing it is to have our trailer with us on this trip! As most of you will remember, this is not our first lengthy deputation trip away from Iowa! (Actually, it's our tenth.) In the past, we would travel from home to home, sleeping in different beds most every night. While we appreciate all the people who welcomed us into their homes, it wasn't something we wanted to try and do again with little Judah along this time! We praise the Lord for allowing us the wonderful blessing of doing our deputation travels with our trailer so that we can feel at home even though we are miles from our home state. Now that we are living in our trailer, "home", as a location, is relative! Home is where our trailer lives.

Our meetings have been going very well lately! We have been traveling every weekend and some Wednesdays. All of our meetings are within four hours of our home. Most are just a couple hours away. We have had the pleasure of meeting some wonderful people and making some great relationships with the churches. It's been wonderful having Judah along with us. He loves to show off his smile to all the new people he is meeting!



The Lord has graciously supplied 76% of our financial need! Praise the Lord we are continuing to see churches and individuals partner with us in order to meet our financial support need. We recently had one church and a few individuals either begin to support us, or increase the amount of support that they are giving. We love and value each partner the Lord has revealed to us, and we look forward to the day when God will fully reveal to us our completed financial partnership team. Do you sense that God is putting it on your heart to partner with us financially in this church planting ministry in North America? If so, we would love to add your name to our cherished list of partners. We have a very special relationship with the partners God has given us! Thank you to all of you who already partner with us financially in this ministry!

We certainly look forward to being on the mission field full-time as missionary builders! Our goal is to have 85% of our support by Spring of 2010. At this point, we do not know where we would go to build if God were to meet that goal for us. Right now CBM is building in Wisconsin and Florida. It was thought that we may go to Florida to help finish up that project, but since that project is coming along quickly, it might not be worth the cost to move down there for just a couple of months. Of course, we just leave all those arrangements in the Lord's hands, knowing that He will put us on the field in His time.

We want to remind you to check out our website and blog if you ever have some time to browse on the internet! We are continually posting more pictures of our family and daily life out here in Pennsylvania. Also, we try to update our blog weekly, which will allow you to keep up with our deputation and ministry activities. Through our website and blog, we seek to keep you better updated and intimately involved as partners in our ministry. Our website address is www.andyandelizabetsmith.com. A link to our blog is posted on our home page.

Please remember us in prayer for these things:

1. 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.
2. Please continue to pray with us about our goal to reach 85% of our needed financial support by Spring of 2010.
3. Praise the Lord for Judah and that he is traveling well with us. Please continue to pray that he will do well even though he sometimes spends a lot of time in the car.
4. Praise the Lord for safely moving us to Pennsylvania and helping us adjust to living in our 5th-wheel trailer. There is lots to learn and know about trailer life, and God has been helping us with all of the little and big problems we encounter. You can pray right now for our transition into the winter months. There are lots of things that need to be done on the trailer to make it livable in the winter months. Pray that we would get those things done before it gets too cold.
5. Please pray for our meetings coming up. Pray that the Lord would continue to grant us joy during our times with different churches and individuals. Please pray for continued freshness and enthusiasm as we present.

Please pray for our upcoming meetings next quarter:

- September 20: Central Baptist Church, Yorkshire, NY
- September 27: Northmoreland Baptist Church, Centermoreland, PA
- October 4: Mortons Corners Baptist Church, Springville, NY
- October 7: North Chester Baptist Church, Chester, PA
- October 11 & 14: Independent Baptist Church, Towanda, PA
- October 18 & 21: First Baptist Church, Hamburg, NY
- October 25: Forest Lake Baptist Church, Forest Lake, PA
- November 7-11: Berean Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, IL
- November 12: Speakers at CBM Friends & Family Dinner, Grimes, IA
- November 15: Fellowship Baptist Church, Des Moines, IA

Thank you for your prayers!

With love,

Andy, Elizabeth and Judah Smith

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Pictures: (Far left) Our trailer home parked at Covington Baptist Church, Covington, PA. (Left) Elizabeth and Judah at the Little League Museum in Williamsport, PA. (Above left) Judah playing in his crib. (Above) Andy and Judah on a hike in Wellsboro, PA. More pics on our website!

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