

## Smith Soundings November 2009

Dear prayer partners,

God has been blessing us and our pre-field ministry in wonderful ways! We have wrapped up 15 weeks of meetings in New York and Pennsylvania, and we are heading west again. We are writing you from the parking lot of Berean Baptist Church in Bunker Hill, IL. We will leave here on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and arrive in Tama, IA that evening. That is where we will settle and make our home until Spring. We are excited to be heading back to Iowa, but it was difficult to leave Pennsylvania and the friends we made during our time in that area. It gave us an idea of how difficult it might be to leave each build site in the future.

We are most excited to tell you that God has recently blessed us with 90% of our support! Did we really just say that? 90%?!? Yes! Praise the Lord! We are overjoyed to see how God has supplied and blessed our financial need over the last month! It has been emotional and humbling to think back on the last 3 ½ years of meetings and to see all of our “memorials” while on deputation: how God has lead, encouraged and blessed us. Before we left on this trip in July, we were praying in faith for God to supply 85% of our support so we could go full time on the field, He has done more than that! We praise Him for His faithfulness to us! Thank YOU for praying for us, and in some cases, supporting us financially! We recognize God has used YOU in a mighty way to help us on our journey to full time ministry as church builders with CBM!

The next step in our ministry with CBM is to finish out our deputation schedule and get ready for our first church building project. We have three more meetings to finish out this year and then we will break for the holidays. Early next year we plan to revisit some churches in the Midwest and hopefully visit some new churches as well—all in an effort to reach 100% of our financial need.

Our first building project will likely start in the Spring. At this point, we don't know where that first project will be. You can be praying for the building ministry staff in our home office as they seek the Lord's direction and provision while planning the next projects for the building ministry. We are excited to learn where we might go on our first project; we hope to find out early next year.

Judah is doing well! If you were to see him today, you would see an extremely happy, active and content 7-month-old. He returns smiles very easily! He has two teeth poking through on his bottom gum—a surprise to us as he bit down on my finger one day and it actually hurt! He keeps growing and it is getting increasingly difficult to keep him still! He is always looking around, noticing everything that is happening. He is such a joy! He does well on a routine; so even with all our traveling, we try to keep things consistent for him. That can sometimes be a challenge, but we make it work. We can start to see an end to all the traveling craziness as we anticipate getting back to Iowa and staying there for awhile.

Thank you for your prayers for us and our needs while on deputation. We have had some concerns dealing with our trailer recently. Both leg jacks on our trailer have broken again. We are debating whether to fix them this time because of the expense. Thankfully, we have still been able to travel with it and live in it comfortably, even with the hassle of not having them work. On another note, we were able to purchase the skirting for our trailer in late October. Now that we have that, we should be ready for winter. We thank the Lord for providing that for us.

This last week, as we continued west, we stopped at the Creation Museum near Cincinnati, Ohio. How incredible that was! If any of you have the opportunity to visit this museum, we would highly recommend it! We were blessed to see the museum's exhibits and to see a Biblical account of the world's history. It was very well done, and we were impressed with how professional everything looked. We also stopped in Dayton to visit the Wright-Patterson AFB to visit the USAF museum. Andy especially enjoyed walking through the museum and learning about (and seeing) the history of flight. Needless to say, we had a wonderful two-day vacation in Ohio!

Please pray for our upcoming schedule:

November 7-10, 2009: Berean Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, IL (Missions Conference)

November 12, 2009: CBM Friends and Family Banquet (we are one of the speakers)

November 15, 2009: Ferguson Bible Church, Ferguson, IA (Morning only)

November 15, 2009: Church exam for Ben & Katie Wooster, Manning, IA (attending in PM)

November 22, 2009: Fellowship Baptist Church, Des Moines, IA (all day)

By God's Grace alone,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy & Elizabeth Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Andy, Elizabeth and Judah Smith**