

The Smith Soundings

Quarterly Update

JUNE 2009



*T*o our Faithful Partners,

A lot has happened since our last quarterly update. Those of you who only get updated quarterly are probably wondering whatever happened with our pregnancy! Well, we are pleased to introduce to you Judah Andrew Smith, our wonderfully sweet little boy. He was born on Good Friday, April 10th. He came to us safe and sound and perfectly healthy, even though he was 4 weeks early. There is so much for which to praise the Lord regarding this pregnancy! We are most thankful for the Lord allowing Elizabeth to complete 3 months of bedrest in order for Judah to arrive closer to his original due date. God has also restored Elizabeth's strength after the bedrest and c-section delivery. We see God's hand of love and sustaining power all throughout this whole experience! Judah's name means, "Praise the Lord" and we certainly do praise His name now and forever for our little blessing, Judah Andrew! THANK YOU for praying with us over the last few months! God has answered our prayers! We have lots of family pictures posted on our website: www.andyandelizabetsmith.com. Check it out!

Home Sweet Home! That is our mantra this month! Last week we moved into our trailer home that we will have with us someday on the mission field fulltime! We moved out of the parsonage of our sending church and into our 40' trailer. We are currently parked at Outback Campground in Tama, IA until the first week of July when we will move to Dike, IA where Andy will be helping on a roofing project at Liberty Baptist Church. We will park there until we leave for more deputation meetings later in July.

Through much downsizing and careful packing, we are almost settled into the trailer and loving this new adventure! Being in our trailer helps us feel just that much closer to getting on the mission field fulltime! Did you know that we now have everything we need to be on the mission field? Everything but our full financial support, that is!

The Lord has supplied our living trailer, our tool trailer and our truck to pull it! Now all we need is the rest of our financial support and we'll be ready to go! We anxiously wait on the Lord's timing to supply our needed financial support!

Recently, we had to adjust our financial support estimate in order to allow for health insurance premium increases. We always hate to increase our support need, but we know it is wise and responsible to keep on top of our needs. The Lord has blessed us with 72% of our needed monthly support. How exciting to be within 13% of our goal of 85%! When we reach 85% we will be able to start fulltime ministry with CBM while still pursuing 100% of our need. After a discussion with our building director, we learned that if we have 85% by the end of the year, we will start next year at a building project in Florida! It is beyond exciting for us to think about the possibility of starting 2010 on our first building project! We'll pray toward that end and see if that is what God has planned. Please pray with us that our support level will continue to increase so that we may join CBM in Florida next year on the build site!

Our deputation meetings are going well so far this year! The first half of the year Andy traveled alone as I was on bedrest. This month we started traveling again for meetings as a whole family! Judah is doing well so far attending the meetings with us and being a good boy during the presentations. We have some more meetings in the Midwest over the next couple of months and then we will leave for our meetings out East. Please pray for us as we travel with Judah. Pray that he will continue to do well around all the new people on our busy Sundays. Pray also for travel safety. Please especially pray for us as we pull our trailer to Pennsylvania in July. Pray that there would be nothing that goes wrong with the trailer and we would have ease of travel. Please pray also for our schedule while we are out East. We would like to have at least one more meeting scheduled on a Sunday.

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 support by the end of this year. This would enable us to begin fulltime ministry in Florida next year!
3. Praise the Lord with us for Elizabeth's completed pregnancy and for our blessing from God: Judah Andrew.
4. Please pray for our traveling with Judah. We pray that he would do okay away from home and also allow us to do our presentations together during our Sunday meetings.
5. Please pray for our continued safety on the road and especially for our trailer as we travel with it this summer and fall (July 23rd through November 13th). We pray that our trailer would hold up and that the Lord would protect it from getting damaged or needing expensive repairs.
6. 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:

- June 21: Heritage Baptist Church, Williamsburg, IA.
- July 5: First Baptist Church, Bloomfield, IA
- July 12: Liberty Baptist Church, Dike, IA
- July 26: Skyline Baptist Church, Rome, NY
- August 9: Bethel Baptist Church, Hopewell Junction, NY
- August 16: West Clarksville Baptist Church, West Clarksville, NY
- August 23: First Baptist Church, Holland, NY
- August 30: First Day Baptist Church, Richburg, NY
- September 6: Covington Baptist Church, Covington, PA (This is where we are parking our trailer).
- September 13: First Baptist Church, Hallstead, PA
- September 20: Central Baptist Church, Yorkshire, NY
- September 27: Northmoreland Baptist Church, Centermoreland, PA

Thank you sincerely for your prayers! May the Lord bless you in the coming months!

With love,

Andy, Elizabeth and Judah Smith



Judah Andrew, 1 month old.