

Dear praying friends,

God has been doing some wonderful things over the past few months. Here are some highlights.

**Home from Iowa**



We returned home from Iowa August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We finished our Iowa tour Sunday morning, July 29<sup>th</sup> at **Clio Baptist**, in Clio, IA. That evening we were at **Marion Avenue Baptist** in Washington, IA. The church had a Western themed evening service at the local county fairgrounds. The service was followed with fireworks and ice cream. On the way home, we visited the National Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, IA. This was a good break for the kids. We were also able to present our ministry at **Freedom Baptist** in Bloomington, IL. When we arrived home we had been in thirteen meetings and travelled over 5,000 miles in seven weeks.



*Marion Avenue Baptist,  
Washington, IA*

*Clio Baptist,  
Clio, IA*



*Freedom  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
Bloomington, IL*

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**School and Maryann's First Birthday**

We returned home just in time to begin getting ready for the new school year. Andrew started preschool August 13<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth and Abigail started K-5 August 16<sup>th</sup>. Each of them are excited to be back in school. September 1<sup>st</sup>, Maryann celebrated her first birthday. Amy made cupcakes and we all enjoyed watching Maryann learn what cake is.



*Maryann's first  
birthday*

**Jail Ministry**

David was excited for the opportunity to preach again in our church's jail ministry. David had two opportunities to preach at the jail in August. Each time he had the joy of leading a man to Christ! We praise the Lord for these two men and their decision to trust Christ as their Savior.



*Two men saved in the jail*

**Reconnecting**

In August, we were able to reconnect with several churches and pastors in our area we had not made contact with for some time. It was a blessing to visit these churches and see how the Lord is blessing their ministry. We were also able to visit several new churches. Our first meeting after returning to NC was at



**Lovelady Baptist**, in Granite Falls, NC. We also had meetings at **Bible Baptist** near Randleman, NC, **Lighthouse Baptist** in Asheboro, NC and **Lighthouse Baptist** in Welcome, NC.



*Lovelady  
Baptist, Granite  
Falls, NC*

**Survey Trip**

We are excited to share with you the next step of faith we believe the Lord is leading us to take. **Mike and Nancy Grove** are missionaries in Ashburton, New Zealand. They will be taking a short furlough next spring. We will be going to New Zealand to fill in for them during that time. This trip will give us hands-on experience as a family living and ministering in New Zealand. Please join us in praying for God to supply the funds for this trip!



*Lighthouse  
Baptist,  
Asheboro, NC*



*Mike and Nancy  
Grove,  
Ashburton, NZ*

**Passage Fund**

Thank you! to those of you who have already begun contributing to our passage fund! We are so thankful for your generosity. The gifts received for this special project will be used to purchase our plane tickets for our survey trip in the spring. Those who would also like to contribute toward this fund can do so by sending your donations to our mission board office. Be sure to let them know the amount you would like to contribute, and that it is for the "Smith Family passage fund."

**Andrew**

Please be in prayer for Andrew. He has an appointment September 24<sup>th</sup> for a reevaluation of his autism. We are very proud of our "little man" and the progress he has made since his diagnosis of autism a year-and-a-half ago. God has been especially good to us in giving us such a unique and talented young man.



*Passage Fund*



Kiwis for Christ, *David Smith*