



The Smith Family

Starting churches in

Argentina



Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

January 7, 2010

We are happy to announce that **we are expecting our second child!** Jennifer is 9 weeks along and the due date is August 9th. We waited until we had the first ultrasound to send out the January Prayer Letter. The doctor says the baby and Jennifer are healthy. (This was the special unspoken request)



This next bit of news is also something **you don't want to miss**. God has been dealing with my wife and me for several months concerning having more faith in Him. About 5 months ago, a man whom I trust told to me about a missionary family he knew that raised support in 11 months. Following God's leading, the missionary purchased his tickets 11 months in advance and trusted God to provide the support by that time. He and his family left at the appointed time with full support!

Since we first heard of that our hearts were stirred. We have talked about it and prayed often as a couple. We've discussed it with our pastor. But **we were determined not to be hasty or foolish**.

We had a meeting scheduled for the 3rd of January in West Virginia. On the way, we began discussing this idea once again. I knew the pastor was a missionary for a while in Africa, but that's about all I knew. At dinner, I asked the pastor about his deputation experience. The story was very familiar! **This pastor was the missionary we had been told about!**

We came to the hotel and discussed the matter at length, prayed about it, and sought counsel from our Pastor and the director of All Points Baptist Mission. We wanted to be sure it was of the Lord and not just our own ambition, so we put it in the Lord's hands. Then we wrote up a document that summarized our decision. We were going to print it and sign it on Monday when we got home. Here's what we wrote:

"January 2, 2010



I, Joshua Paul Smith, and my wife, Jennifer Kaye Smith, have committed to pray that God will provide the funds to purchase our tickets to Argentina for January 2011, by the end of this month, January 2010. If the Lord provides the funds, we will take that as confirmation of His will to go ahead and purchase the tickets, and to trust Him to provide 100% support by that time."

At the close of the evening service the next day, not only did the church vote to take us on for support, but to **purchase two tickets at \$1200 each!** Praise the Lord! We are praying that we can get a good deal and get all the tickets for the \$2400. We have set up a fund for our travel expenses. If you would like to contribute, please send a check to "All Points Baptist Mission" P.O. Box 498 New Philadelphia, OH 44663. For clarity, please put "Josh Smith- Travel" in the memo. Thank you all for praying for us. We are so happy to follow our Wonderful Savior! You can always keep up with us on the blog on our website: www.smiths2argentina.com.

That all the earth may know,

"Now I beseech you, brethren...

...that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;" Romans 15:30

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