



The Smith Family

Church planting in

Argentina



Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

March 08, 2010

Thank you so much for praying for my family and especially for Joel. I have no doubt that thousands of Christians are praying for us all around the world.



Though I have travelled by myself to meetings in OH, TN, VA, and WV, we have spent most of February in or near the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville. The American Cancer Society allowed us to stay in the Hope Lodge free of charge during Joel's 2 weeks of radiation. Joel **finished radiation** and has completed **4 weeks of his 31 week Chemotherapy** plan. He has lost his hair. Although there are moments he experiences fear, pain, or nausea; overall, he is doing well. I invite you to go to our blog www.smiths2argentina.blogspot.com and view a video of Joel during his 5 day hospital stay last week. I know it will bless your soul to see the strength and joy that God has given him. More detailed information concerning his treatments can also be found on the blog.

A year ago while we were visiting Argentina, my wife and I were introduced by a missionary to a member of the church who is a doctor. The doctor emailed me and assured me he would put us in contact with the very best pediatric oncologists and surgeons in Buenos Aires! I found out that this doctor is **the head pediatric surgeon** of Hospital Privado de Niños, has pioneered several infantile heart surgery procedures now being used around the world, and is a speaker at medical conferences in the U.S.! God makes no mistakes!

We have received reports on **Joel's medical expenses** through the 3rd of February: \$74,472.56. Amount covered by our Insurance Provider: \$74,472.56! Amount we owe: \$0.00! God has also **provided us a laptop** for Jennifer! A lady that my mother knows through her work read our prayer letter and gave us her laptop. It is very nice and will be a great help to Jennifer. Please pray that God blesses the lady in a special way.

We **purchased a second vehicle** on Monday February 22nd - but on Friday the 26th **it was totaled**. I was on my way to a Missions Conference in West Virginia during a snow storm. I was rear-ended by a Ford F-250 with a lift kit and oversized tires. Thankfully, no one was injured! At the time, it did not seem like a blessing, but it is the character of God to work things together for good. I paid \$2900 for the 98 Honda, and the insurance company has issued a check for \$4533.36! Pray we get the right vehicle.



Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We have received cards, emails, notes, packages, and special offerings. Many new churches have taken us on for support! We have been so busy; we do not even know our new percentage yet! Please remember that **Jennifer is 18 weeks** along with our second child. May God bless you!

That all the earth may know,

Joshua Smith

"The prayer of faith shall save the sick." James 5:15

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