



Praises!

- ◆ Good meetings in January
- ◆ Safety in our travels
- ◆ God's provision along the way
- ◆ God's further provision toward a travel trailer and vehicle through two very generous gifts!
- ◆ The joy of being on deputation
- ◆ Our passports have arrived!



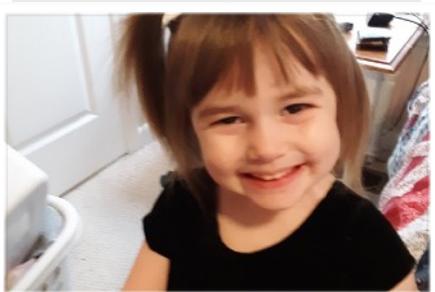
Deputation has begun!

Praise the Lord for the privilege to now be officially on deputation! What an exciting time for our family as we look forward to meeting each and every new church family!

Our prayer the last few months of 2018 was that God would give us several January meetings. He graciously answered that prayer with three January meetings.

Our first meeting was at Every Nation Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC. What a blessing to begin our deputation trail in such a kind church and amongst so many friends from our college days. Only God knew then that our paths would cross again at this important juncture in our lives.

From there, we travelled up to Maryland to be with Upper Cross Roads Baptist Church for their Missions Emphasis weekend. This church was so kind and we had the joy of seeing many old friends



Prayer Requests

- ◆ God to provide more deputation meetings and mission conferences—especially in the next few months.
- ◆ Safety on the road—especially for Amanda and the baby



- ◆ Guidance in purchase of a bumper pull travel trailer and vehicle.
- ◆ Supporters to take us on—especially with us stepping out into full-time deputation come the first of June.
- ◆ Safety for our family on our survey trip to Colombia South America. (February 23 to March 2)
- ◆ God’s help to allow us to be a blessing and encouragement to every church we visit.

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as well as making many new ones. Our children did so well in spite of having traveled through the night to be there. It was a blessing for them to see Grandpa and Grandma Smith again as well.



Our last scheduled meeting for January was at Heritage Baptist Church in Fountain, Inn SC. What a blessing to meet former Baptist World Missionaries who faithfully served Him for so many years in Japan. Praise the Lord that He is still using men and women of all ages in His Harvest fields around the world!

A special treat to finish out the month of January was the opportunity to visit a Spanish Church in SC that was started by former missionaries to Colombia. God has greatly used this missionary family—not only in starting several churches in Colombia—but also in establishing a wonderful Spanish church in the Greenville area. Their testimony of God’s amazing work in Colombia is a great motivator for us as we endeavor to see God work through us in Colombia in the years ahead.

As we look to the days ahead, we are anticipating the joy of meeting many more of God’s servants in ministries throughout the United States. May God allow us to be a blessing everywhere we go—and may God use us to encourage others to reach out to the world around them with the gospel!

Your Servants to Colombia,

The Smiths

