

SMITHS

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Dear Friends,

First of all, we want to thank you – again – for the many prayers you have sent to Heaven on our behalf! Now, we are thrilled to be able to share some good news with you!

Susan's surgery went very well. She had her 6 week check up yesterday & the doctor was pleased with the way she has healed. She is about 80% recovered & the remaining 20% will happen over the next six weeks. The Oncologists have determined that she does not need to have any more treatments at this time, but she will need to have checkups every 3 months to watch for any recurrence. To God be the glory!

Phil is feeling really good! He has had no signs of the cancer regrowing & the last Pet Scan showed that the cancer was between 80-90% eradicated. He is gaining in strength & is still having some natural treatments to help him recover from the treatments & to build & protect his immune system.

We recently totalled up our bills from Arizona, & because of the unexpected hospital bill of \$147,000 on top of the cancer treatment, the bills totalled to almost \$375,000. We are thrilled to be able to tell you how God has provided!!! All but \$28,000 of our bills has been paid! The hospital bill was a real miracle. We applied to them for financial assistance & after filling out all of their forms, gathering the information they asked for, writing a letter explaining who we were & the circumstances, we put it all in an envelope, sat down, placed our hands on it & prayed – giving it to God. Of course, we are human & had to give it back to Him a few times after that☺ A month went by & we had not heard anything. Then one day a letter arrived. Nervously, we opened it & read, "After reviewing your application, you have been approved for financial assistance. **Your account balance has been adjusted to zero** & you are no longer responsible for payment on the account listed above." We cried, rejoiced, praised God & cried some more! What a miracle! We have read & re-read that letter many times since that day. It still amazes us! **ONLY GOD!!** Thank you for praying & being a part of our miracles!

Finally, we are excited to tell you our 2017 calendar is full! We have done much praying – asking God to show us just how far, how fast & how hard we should push. We feel strongly that we should remain within North America for the majority of the year trusting that by fall we will be able to travel to Kenya. See the schedule below, & if you feel the Lord directing you to take part, please contact us! We would love to have you be a part of a CLAIM project, & we are confident God will use it in your life!

We are thrilled to tell you of two couples who recently accepted God's call to the mission field, in part, because of CLAIM. After a CLAIM project to Belize, Dan & Tracy Dinsmore (CanAmera Missions) felt God calling them to return & they are currently serving on the field of Belize. Daniel & Sarah Jenkins (BIMI) participated in a trip to Senegal & a trip to St. Lucia. God was working in both of their hearts separately. Daniel & Sarah were married March 25th & are now on deputation to go to Gambia! Praise God that CLAIM doesn't just build buildings –CLAIM builds lives! Come join us on a CLAIM trip and let God open your heart & your eyes to the needs of this world!

Reaching the World with our Tools, Philip & Susan Smith

CLAIM Harvest Deaf - May 22-31 – BIMI Missionaries Reggie & Kim Rempel

Project – Renovating Men's Dorm at Bible College, Roofing, Painting, Concrete Work, etc.
Cost – Transportation & \$75 for food. Accommodations are free. Deadline – May 1st

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CLAIM Ottawa – June 12 – September 2 - Pastor Steven Michel & BIMI Missionaries Jeff & Kim Smith

Project – Construction of new church building Needed: Framers, Drywallers, Plumbers, Electricians, Painters, etc.
Cost – Transportation & \$100 per week for food. Accommodations are free. Come as often as you can and stay as long as you can during this time period, but we must know two weeks in advance of when you are coming so that preparations can be made. First Deadline – May 30th

****CLAIM Forest Glen Bible Camp – September or Later – Missionary Jeff Reason – Details to Follow**

CLAIM Kenya – October – Missionaries Luke & Tonya Shelby - Details to Follow

****This project is tentative dependent upon funds raised**