



# Chase & Vaida Smith

Missionaries To Lithuania

...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Co 10:31

Pastor and praying friends,

I am writing to you all from New York, again, and hopefully our van will not give up the ghost on us like last time! We were able to get a last minute invitation to a missions conference in North Tonawanda, so we came a bit earlier than expected. We are staying in a house set aside for missionaries, which is a huge blessing, as it is the perfect place for me to recuperate. I want to thank everyone for their prayers, as my wife and I have both gotten sick this year. It has been quite a while since that has happened for either one of us. She got sick while we were house sitting for some friends in Nebraska, and it hit me while we were driving through Pennsylvania. There seems to be two schools of thought on going to church when you are sick. The first is "Death is the only thing that should keep you out of church" with the second being "Don't go, cause you could make everyone else sick too". Since I was scheduled to present our ministry, I opted to go by the first school of thought. I prayed more for the Lord to carry me through than I normally would, and the Lord smote my heart, because I realized that I probably don't pray enough for the Lord's presence during our meetings. It was good and humbling for me, because it reminded me that I am to rely on the Lord to always carry me through meetings, and not on my own ability. How often do we rely on our own strength and not the Lord? Praise the Lord that He gives us infirmities to remind us that He is our strength!

I recently had a college age kid give me a handshake love offering, and he said that it wasn't much, but hoped that it helped. Since we started deputation, the Lord has taught us somethings about money. One of them is that no matter the amount, it can always help. Lets say that it is a small amount that will not make a difference financially, but is all that person has. It will do more for their faith and yours, than it ever could for your financial situation. It brought a tear to my eye as I thought about this and told him that it helps more than he realizes. You can give to a local charity, you can invest in the stock market, you give to the poor, but the best place to put your money is in the work of the Lord!

Thank you all for you prayers on support! A couple more churches have taken us on for support, with a few more that would love to when they are able!! We also purchased our plane tickets for our short trip to Lithuania this July! Please pray for fruitful trip there, that we can spread the gospel and get some needed information! Please also continue to pray that we are a blessing to churches!!

Thanks and God bless!!

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