



## July 2010 - Journey and Joy and Juncture



**JOURNEY** The itineration journey took us to Springfield, MO this past month for Missionary Renewal. Each morning for a week the missionary body home on furlough met in the chapel to worship the Lord, hear seasoned, spirit-filled ministers and spend time in God's presence. One long-time missionary said, "Sure I miss my grandchildren, but God has given me other homes, parents, and children in this life" (Luke 18: 29, 30). The divine perspective - may we grasp it.

**JOY** Traveling north from Springfield after Missionary Renewal, we received a phone call from our son saying that his wife was being admitted to the hospital with pregnancy complications. We turned the car around, cancelled speaking engagements and headed to Houston. Our hearts burst with unparalleled bliss on July 3 when our first grandchild, Andrew Steven Kennedy was born. He came 5 weeks early but is home now and doing well. How can one so tiny evoke such huge feelings of love? Humanly speaking a Welsh proverb explains, *Perfect love sometimes doesn't come until the first grandchild.*

**ITINERATION JUNCTURE** As the calendar changed from June to July we reached 95% of our monthly budget. So close! We don't want to stall now, so if you've been considering a pledge but haven't done it yet - this would be the perfect time.

**"AS I'VE SAID MANY TIMES...ALL THE STUDIES SHOW THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO EVANGELIZE AND DISCIPLE YOUNG CONVERTS IS TO PLANT NEW CHURCHES." -GEORGE O. WOOD**

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