

**PRAISES**

- For our new Ropp relatives and the good visits we had with them in Minnesota
- For our baby!
- For God's help through the stress & aftermath of the trip

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- That Jonathan will have a productive time at the Computer Technical Conference in October
- That God will minister through us during our Kansas trip
- For good health for the baby and a safe pregnancy
- For a growing partnership team, both financially and spiritually

**August Trip Report**

Praise the Lord for a wonderful trip! Welcome to those of you whom we met on the trip and who are receiving our newsletter for the first time. We can see that God is bringing us into relationship with many of you as partners in making Bible translation happen in Indonesia. We can't wait to get overseas to do what God has called us to do! Without your help it will not happen.

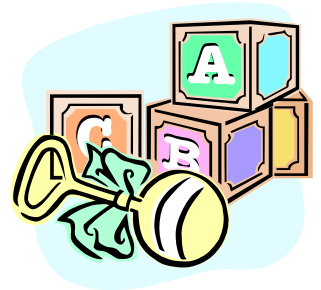
**Highlights of the trip:**

- Hospitable stays with strangers, friends and family
- Two warm and effective ministry events
- Various opportunities to share our vision with others over lunches and dinners
- A good time meeting the new family at Nevin's wedding
- Safe driving conditions and clear weather for all but 200 miles out of 3,111

We know things would not have gone smoothly without your prayers. Thanks to all who prayed! We are learning more every month about how to build our ministry team. Pray for us as we plan a shorter trip to Kansas to speak at some churches and meet with people. .

**And the Two Shall Become....Three!**

We are having a baby! The littlest Compton is due in mid-February of 2009. Stephanie and the baby are doing great, especially now that the morning sickness has passed. ☺ We do not yet know whether it will be a boy or a girl, but we're excited about this addition to our family. This changes our departure date to June instead of this December. Please pray that God will help us to become good ministry parents to our own little MK-to-be.



Posing with Paul Bunyan & his blue ox in Bemidji, MN

To partner with us financially, you may mail contributions to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200, with a separate note saying, "For the ministry of Jonathan & Stephanie Compton, acct. #200268."



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We plan to send out email updates on the months we do not send newsletters. Email us if you are interested in receiving these updates.

#### ABOUT US

**Our vision:** To support Bible translation by meeting the educational needs of missionary kids (*job descriptions to be finalized upon arrival*)

**Our destination:** Hillcrest International School in Sentani, Indonesia

**Our goal:** To begin language school in Indonesia by July 2009

**Our current activities:** Stephanie works part-time as a school secretary. Jonathan is now a full-time Wycliffe missionary and spends his time building our ministry and preparing for his job at Hillcrest. We are also pursuing opportunities to share with others our personal vision and the great need for Bible translation.

**Our needs:** We need a solid team of monthly financial partners and prayer partners. We also need advocates to introduce us to others who would be interested in our ministry.

## Elijah's Example

A few days ago I read the end of 1 Kings about Elijah. If you're like me, you often think of him as an old, white-bearded, ragged-robed prophet. As I read, though, I began to wonder: What was he like as a youth? I imagine he was tempted like any of us. Imagine the pagan festivals, flowing with wine and sensuality. Even if he weren't tempted, all he needed to do to avoid persecution was to show up.

"God does the miraculous through those who commit themselves completely to Him."

And why believe in Yahweh? How could one be so sure that this name was any better than Baal, Molech, Asherah, or any of the deities of the Egyptians? It would have been narrow-minded and arrogant to proclaim that Yahweh was the only way.

The Bible doesn't tell us about Elijah's youth. All we know of him is that God chose him to be His prophet and that he lived a blameless life from that point on. He saw Yahweh demolish the god of the richest trading nation in the world. He was one of

the only people in history to see God raise someone from the dead. And he was one of only two in the Bible who did not taste death.

I am encouraged to a deeper commitment to Christ as I think of Elijah's example. Like Elijah, we live in a world that embraces a pantheon of gods and anti-gods. We face the temptation of compromise when with unbelieving peers. Yet like Elijah, God will do the miraculous through those who commit themselves completely to Him.