

The Smith Family Record

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Serving the Caribbean Islands with Mission To the World

West Bay, Grand Cayman

Transitions: Made And *Being* Made!

May God Be Glorified As Four Smiths Scatter

Big changes are happening for the Smith family as Ron and Peg head back to the mission field and the children leave home for college and career opportunities.

The changes began on June 1st when Ron left our temporary home in Palmetto, Florida and moved to our new field of ministry in the English-Speaking Caribbean. With Grand Cayman as our "home base," Ron will pastor a local congregation while traveling to other Caribbean islands with Mission To The World.



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Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church

Benjamin will leave for his new home, the University of Alabama, in August. Allison will bid a last farewell to Palmetto in September, when she moves to Miami Beach for her final year of High School at the Miami City Ballet School.

Then, when the children are scattered and settled, Peg will finally be able to make her long-awaited transition to our new home and ministry base in Grand Cayman. She certainly will have earned a much-needed rest!

We are counting on friends and supporters to keep us in your prayers through the next several months. Moving is tough enough when everyone moves together. How much harder when a family scatters at different times to different locations!

Challenge And Opportunity Meet At

Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church is the only Presbyterian church in the Cayman Islands, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America.

By bringing Ron in as Pastor, they are now in the unique position of being both a missionary *sending* and a missionary *receiving* church!

As Ron's work with Mission To The World develops and grows, the leaders are hoping to be able to participate in the ministry and encourage a vision for missions that will spread throughout the whole congregation.

Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church

There are challenges aplenty for for the new Pastor of Boatswain Bay PCA. The church has gone without a pastor for more than four years.

The elders have faithfully undertaken their ministry responsibilities admirably, and have sought to encourage their congregation by "speaking the truth in love." They have been assisted in their

duties by a good cadre of deacons and ministry teams involved in worship and Christian education.

Ron hopes to encourage the congregation to renewal and revitalization by sharing with them the ideas he will be presenting in his travels with MTW.



**Father's Day
Men's Choir**

Not Wrong; Just Different!



(in my yard!)

Here's something surprising about Grand Cayman -- there are chickens running around *everywhere!* They are in supermarket parking lots; they are on undeveloped lots; they are in my neighbor's yard; they are even in my yard! *Why?*

They used to be kept in chicken coops, but that all changed after Hurricane Ivan in 2004 blew away chicken coops and "people coops" alike. Residents spent months fixing up their houses, and by the time they were finished, the chickens were accustomed to "looking after themselves." And it's been that way ever since!

Read Ron's humorous "Chicken Story" on the website!

Prayer Requests

- * Pray that God would bless, protect and sustain Ron and Peg while they are apart from each other during the next few months.
- * Praise God for providing Allison with a scholarship to the Miami City Ballet School.
- * Pray that God would provide an additional part-time job for Benjamin at the University of Alabama.
- * Ask the Lord to guide Benjamin through the maze of financial aid and meet his remaining financial need.
- * Pray that God would be stirring in the hearts of the people at Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church.
- * Pray for Ron to be strengthened and encouraged as he serves God's people at Boatswain Bay.
- * Pray for God's guidance as Ron prepares to minister on other islands as part of MTW's Caribbean Team.