



Moments before I gave our daughter to Max Saucedo to be his wife.

The Robert Smith Family

Cheerfully serving on the island of

Barbados, West Indies

June/July 2026

June was a wonderful month for being with the family. Throughout the last 33 years our stateside trips have been mostly ministry with a bit of family time slipped in here or there, but June was mostly family time with some ministry times slipped in here or there.

First was Becca and Max's wedding on June 12th. The wedding was a delightful, Christ-honoring time. When the preacher said, "You may kiss the bride," Max gave her the most gentle peck. When he straightened up, his lovely new bride reached up and grabbed him by the shoulders and laid a lip-lock on him that would have drained every bit of oxygen from his lungs! Becca told us later, "Mom and Dad, I have kept myself and waited all my life to do that!" Max and Becca have certainly earned our great respect and our desire for the utmost joy in their relationship.

Max told me that they are still planning on preparing for the mission field and coming to Barbados. They will spend these next 12 months getting used to marriage and preparing for deputation. Then they will hit the deputation trail and prepare for the ministry here with us. They will be a great help when they get here.

A few days after the wedding, Rhoda and I went down to the Indianapolis area to meet with our son Buddy and Libby, his wife. We had a wonderful few days together as we visited the Ark and the Creation Museum in Kentucky. It was a joy to be with them. One of the great joys of heaven will be never saying goodbye again!

Pastor Adewale Adesina of Nigeria came to attend Becca and Max's wedding. He is one of our spiritual sons and the Lord has made him so very fruitful! In May we were in Nigeria with him at his own church's 11th anniversary, and in June he was with us for the wedding! Adewale, Rhoda, and I were also able to go together to the Berean Baptist Church of Adrian, MI. Often when a missionary presents his field or gives an update, he will have a table display to give some idea of his mission work. With Bro. Adewale present, we had a living display of what giving to missions can do!

Pastor Rogers and the church were so kind and receptive to Bro. Adewale. It was an incredible moment to be able to show the fruit of their missions giving to the church. The folks at Berean have supported us from our deputation until today. Bro. Adewale has been used of God in many ways to get the gospel to the lost, and so many of you have had a part in his life and ministry.

Prayer requests- 1. Aug. 19-23 will be our VBS. A group from the Bible Baptist Church of New Bloomfield, PA, are coming to do the VBS. Pray that God will help us to gather as many children as possible. Pray that many would be saved. Pray that our own folks will be involved to the best of their ability. 2. Pray for God to send labourers into His harvest!

Thank you for your constant prayers and investment in the souls of men around the world.

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Max, Adewale, and I



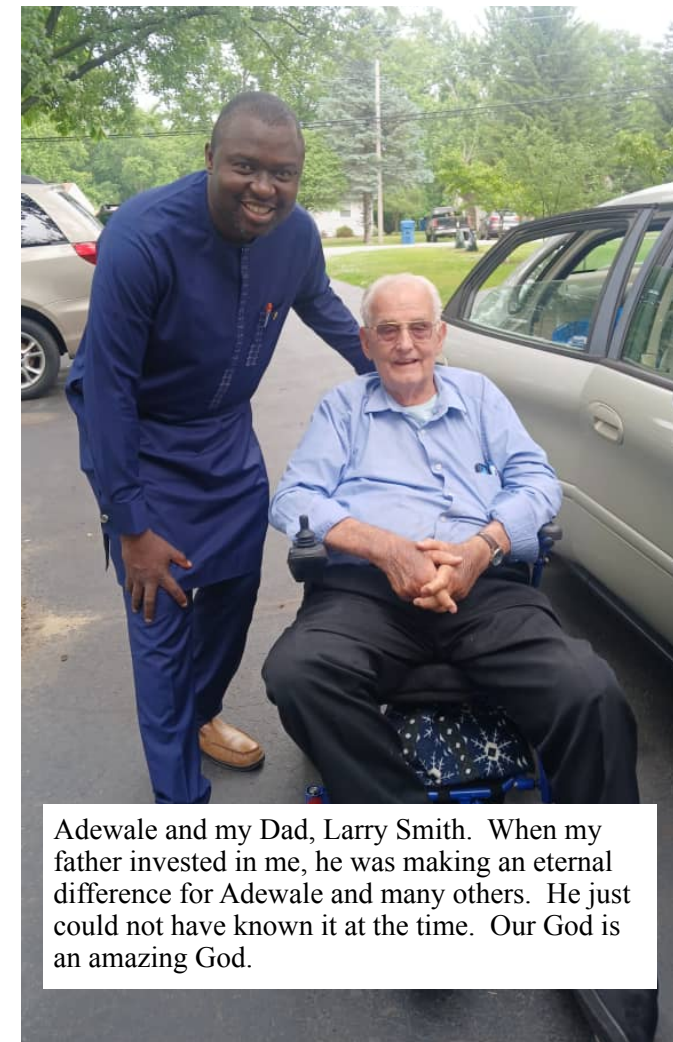
Max and Becca at the wedding altar



Libby and Bud with us at the Ark



Adewale, Becca, and Max



Adewale and my Dad, Larry Smith. When my father invested in me, he was making an eternal difference for Adewale and many others. He just could not have known it at the time. Our God is an amazing God.