

### *Smith Family Devotion*

*Read John 20:29-31*

*Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing. Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so that you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it."*

Sometimes we need tangible "proof" that God is with us ... in "our journey"; God kept giving us "tangible proof" in all the amazing coincidences we experienced. Have you had any coincidences that can only be God? Write them down. If you aren't sure, begin to watch and listen as God unfolds "your story"!

Our friend, Dan Chapman, always says, "everyone has an adoption story." If you are in the "wait" and don't think you have a story "yet" begin paying closer attention to the details, because if you're adopting "your story" has already begun. Take time now to start writing the details on paper, you won't want to miss a single detail!

*Colossians 1:11-12*

*"As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do **your** work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul – not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.*