



## Noelle's Turn...

Last month, Jacob shared his heart for Cambodia and his decision to do long-term missions. This month is my turn.

I came to the idea of long-term missions slowly. Though my first trip was to Mexico at 14, I never had a moment when I knew I was "called" to missions.

Instead, it was while trekking through the majestic Himalayas of Nepal that God began to prompt me: How surrendered are you? Will you follow me anywhere?

The questions dropped into my heart at the perfect time. I was single but surprisingly content after several years of intense wrestling with my marital longings. This newfound place of trust made the answer rise quickly – Of course, Lord. I trust you. You are welcome to take me wherever you want.

In my humanity, I assumed I would be overseas within the year. Yet here I sit, five years later, waiting with baited breath to go.

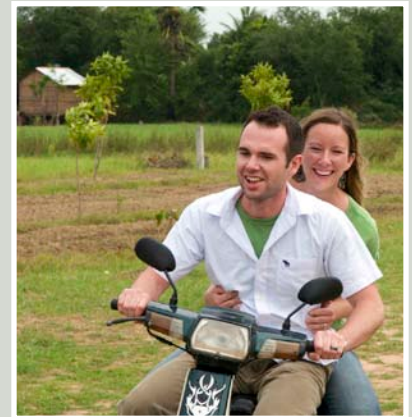
Maybe someday I will realize that He almost always moves slower with me than I think He will. Turns out I am usually not as ready as I think I am. His ways are not my ways – thankfully.

God has used this season of waiting to cultivate and prune. In place of a life-long battle with fear and anxiety, His spirit is developing joy and peace. Hidden pockets of pride, self-absorption and independence are being rooted out to make room for a richer life of repentance and dependence on Jesus. And, in a way so like our wonderful Heavenly Father, He gave me Jacob and the incredible gift of marriage.

Now we are on the cusp of Cambodia and I am overwhelmed by God's kindness in trusting us to go.

Regarding my heart for the Cambodia people?

Their history is one of ravaging pain. Communist dictator, Pol Pot, killed over a million of his own people in the 70's and the country is still crawling out of that dark hole. Children often go their entire lives without a hug or an "I love you" from their parents. I know that I will often be powerless to change their circumstances, but I can introduce them to the One who miraculously works all things to the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28). I want Cambodians to know the love and life-transforming power of Jesus. In His words, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."



### Did You Know?

- \* A Cambodian's life expectancy is 57 years.
- \* Cambodia is 96% Buddhist.
- \* Angkor Wat (a Buddhist temple) is the largest religious structure in the world.
- \* Most Cambodians only attend school until they are 10 years old.



## Updates...

We have much to tell you! Please enjoy...

**Global Missions Office:** This month Noelle made her transition out of her MILL role and into the Global Missions Office. She is learning a lot and, most importantly, building relationship with the staff. They will be an important part of our support network as we transition and live overseas.

**Sharing at theMILL:** Recently we had the privilege of talking with theMILL about our move to Cambodia. It was so much fun to share with our extended community about how and why we are moving to Cambodia. If you would like to listen, you can access the podcast from the homepage of our website: [goodlinONLINE.com](http://goodlinONLINE.com).

**Leaving on a Jet-Plane:** That's right! We bought our plane tickets. Our official leave date is March 3rd.

**Prayer:** Recently we talked with some good friends about the importance of preparing not just practically, but spiritually as well. It is so easy to get caught up in the details! We know, though, that without God and His help, our efforts may be good but they will not yield eternal fruit.

With that in mind, here are a few prayer requests:

**Big Picture:** We want to keep God's heart and vision for the Cambodian people at the forefront. Pray that we will stay focused on the big picture as we handle many details in preparation to leave.

**Trust:** So much change -- big change -- can be unsettling. Pray that we will walk hand-in-hand with God, trusting Him to lead and care for us every step of the way.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Why does your support start in November if you aren't moving until March?**

Great question! For those of you who committed to supporting us monthly, we asked for a November 2009 to November 2010 commitment. This helps us in two ways: **1)** It builds our launch fund which is necessary for all the start-up expenses involved in moving halfway around the world -- motorcycle, apartment, furnishings, etc. **2)** We are transitioning to support-based living gradually. Noelle's salary is being reduced each month and we will be living fully on support come February when Jacob ends his time at Compassion. Of course, you are welcome to begin your support at any time.

**How is your support-raising going?**

We are about halfway to our ideal monthly budget of \$3,000 and have raised \$12,000 for our launch fund (the goal is \$20,000).

**What exactly will you be doing once you move to Cambodia?**

Here are a few things, there will be more to come: language school, helping IHSI establish systems (Jacob), learning how to host short-term teams (Jacob & Noelle), counseling at-risk women (Noelle).

**Where can I learn more about Cambodia and your plans there?**

Visit our website: [goodlinONLINE.com](http://goodlinONLINE.com). We post blogs and pictures regularly. Make sure to check out the Cambodia fact page as well!

Thanks again for sharing this journey with us. Have a wonderful Christmas!

**Jacob & Noelle**

## Portraits



Cambodian prisoners had their pictures taken upon entering [Tuol Sleng](#), a torture chamber during Pol Pot's reign. Most never survived.



Meet Sarai, the first girl to ever enter Sak Saum's doors. Sak Saum is a branch of [In His Steps](#) that works with at-risk women. The hope and confidence you see in her face is a direct result of the healing she has experienced through Jesus.

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