

# JACOB & NOELLE: AN UPDATE

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Isaiah 61 says,  
“The Spirit of the  
Lord is on me...to  
preach good news  
to the poor...to  
bind up the  
brokenhearted,  
proclaim freedom  
for the captives  
and release from  
darkness for the  
prisoners...”



## Help Us Learn



We believe in learning language -- it adds such value and depth to relationship. Right now our monthly budget does not allow for language classes (approximately \$100/month or \$1200/year). Whether you partner with us monthly or through a one-time gift, we welcome your support specifically in this area.

Several months ago, Jacob and I were discussing with another missionary how Pol Pot created a horrific wasteland in Cambodians' souls when he destroyed their nation. He made an off-hand comment, "When people experience trauma and devastation to that degree, they lose sight of hope and vision." The idea resonated and began germinating in our hearts. What happens when people lose sight of vision? Or if life shatters hope altogether?

Here in America we grow up dreaming. Little kids plan what they want to be when they grow up and no possibility is too big. That's why I rehearsed my Oscar speech after my parents put me to bed and why Jacob imagined performing surgeries as a doctor. (If you know Jacob at all, you realize he still holds onto this childhood dream in some fashion.) Most of us have these childhood memories. Over time, these wonderings become tapered to reality. And as believers, we hopefully find that walking with Jesus shapes our dreams to kingdom purposes. But at times, no matter your culture or background, life's challenges can threaten (at times successfully) to steal purpose and dash hopes. Grief -- the kind brought on by extreme poverty, heart-breaking loss and trauma -- has a way of numbing the soul. Life becomes survival. Dreaming is a luxury and risk.

Cambodians have reasons to live without hope--many do. But a growing number are coming alive in new ways. Pheaktra, an In His Steps staff member, is a young man full of tenderness and vision for his people. One night he dreamt about a family who needed God's love. In the dream, God told him to look for the ones with the broken heart. He spent the next day driving his moto village to village, searching. Incredibly he found them -- a family of five who had just lost their wife and mother. They were known by their village as -- yep, you guessed it -- the family with the broken heart. Imagine with us a Cambodia where more men, women and children dream like Pheaktra and live purposefully for God?

Remember Joel's prophesy later repeated in Acts? "In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.' " It is **our** hope and vision to see God's dreams and purposes fulfilled in and through the Cambodian people. Thanks for partnering with us.

Jacob and Noelle

# PARTNER

Give, Serve, Pray...

There are a few ways you can actively partner with us as we reach Cambodians with the love and truth of the Gospel.

**Give.** Starting in February, we will be living fully on support. There are two key ways you can give. The first is giving to our launch/emergency fund for getting settled and handling unexpected finances. The second is giving to our monthly support which covers our daily living expenses and ministry money.

We still need help in both areas, particular in monthly pledges (we are halfway to our goal). We hope you will consider partnering with us in this way -- even \$20/month makes a difference.

If you are giving to us monthly but haven't notified us, please fill out and return the pledge card. This helps us monitor where we are at in our fundraising. **Also, keep in mind that any contributions made before the end of the year are tax-deductible for 2009.** THANK YOU!

**Serve.** We want to connect you with practical ways that you can come alongside our ministry. Here's one (there will be more to come in the future): New Life Church is taking an all-women's trip to work with In His Steps this June. Ladies, come and see for yourself what God is doing in Cambodia. More info at [newlifeglobal.net](http://newlifeglobal.net).

**Pray.** Join our prayer team in asking God to reveal Himself in powerful, loving ways to the Cambodian people. More info at [goodlinONLINE.com](http://goodlinONLINE.com).

Thank you for your interest and support as we make our way to Cambodia!

## THE LATEST...

**Sak Saum:** Noelle has been taking more ownership with Sak Saum, the branch of In His Steps which helps at-risk women. Beautiful bags, scarves, aprons and household goods made by Cambodians are sold to benefit the program. God has been raising up several advocates to help Noelle over the past few months and she is excitedly training them to continue the work after we depart.

**Logistics:** 'Tis the season for health insurance research, packing and passports! This month we will make a decision on health coverage and what type of bags weigh the least and hold the most. If you have any suggestions, let us know! We welcome input.

**Moving:** That's right, folks. One more time! We just moved in with Noelle's family for our last couple of months at home. How come? It allows us more time with them and also motivated us to get our stuff situated so that we are freed up to spend more time with family and friends in our last few weeks stateside.

**Jacob's Transition:** Jacob's last day at Compassion is February 5. Crazy! After 4+ years of service there, it is bittersweet to say good-bye to friends and co-workers. However, we are praying that Compassion will make its way into Cambodia in the not-so-distant future.

**Prayer Partners:** We are increasingly aware of our need for prayer support as we head to a country rooted in Buddhism and animism. So...we are looking for a small team of intercessors who will commit to pray for us on a daily basis. If God leads you to specifically partner with us in this way, you can sign up at [goodlinONLINE.com/partner](http://goodlinONLINE.com/partner).

### Specific Prayer Requests:

Financial support: Pray that we meet our monthly budget goals and have wisdom in making decisions about our budget.

Our apartment: We have our eye on a specific apartment building but there are currently no openings. We would LOVE to have one open up right before we move!

Peace: MUCH transition is before us. We want to know Jesus as our Prince of Peace like never before.

## You are Invited!

Join us for dessert and hear our heart for Cambodia and stories of God at work among a deeply loved people.

Thursday, January 28  
6:30-8:30pm  
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## HOW TO GIVE

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