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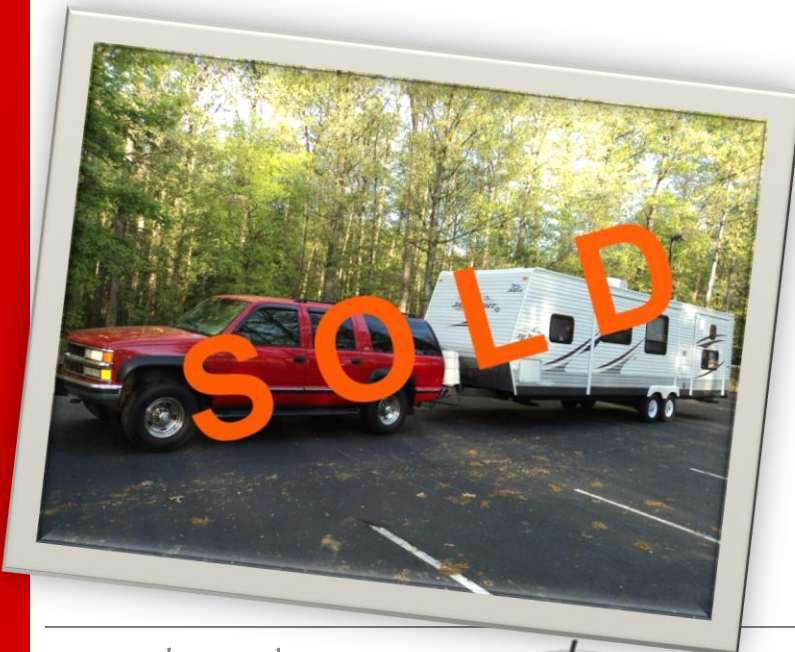
## Still waters?

Imagine driving through downtown Manhattan at 120 MPH, arriving safely at the other side, and trying to give a report on all that you saw. That's how we feel about all the sights, sounds, and relationships we've experienced since leaving our home in WI. Here's a quick rundown of what has happened in the short time since then.

- Moved from our 3,000 sq. ft. home in WI into our awesome 300 sq. ft. travel trailer
- Set sail for our first meeting on June 5, 2009.
- Absolutely *loved* our trailer: so thankful for God's gracious provision for our young family
- Traveled 22,000 miles (15 days, 13 hrs) in our 300 sq. ft. travel trailer
- Learned to experience God's grace in our 300 sq. ft. travel trailer
- Ministered in [47 different churches](#), many of them multiple times
- Ministered in 3 church Bible conferences and 1 missions conference



- Paused to [welcome Judson Crowley](#) into the world (2/7/2010)
- Paused to complete [20 college/graduate credits in linguistics](#) (SIL at UND, summer 2010)
- Completed our final meeting on April 3, 2011
- Packed and shipped all our earthly goods from WI to Cambodia
- Sold our beloved trailer (2 days short of the 2-year mark from when we bought it) and its accompanying Big Red truck
- Set sail for Phnom Penh, Cambodia: **May 31, 2011!**



“Still waters” is probably not the metaphor I would first choose to depict the whirlwind described above. But ironically, Psalm 23 has been repeatedly, even constantly, fulfilled in our experience, particularly in the last few months. The Lord is shepherding us well, and His past provision and protection gives us great confidence that the uncertainties which lie ahead for us in Cambodia are no greater threat to Him than were the enemies David envisioned as he wrote this song. The Lord, unworried by these threats, feels no compulsion

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to remove them; rather, He sets a table for his beloved in their very presence!

### Counting stars . . . counting sand . . .

Aaaaannd, just when we thought we couldn't handle any more blessing from the Lord, He goes and surprises us with the only news that could excite us more than our departure for Cambodia: Judson is going to be a big brother!! Little sister is scheduled to arrive Oct. 4, and we're thrilled to have a Cambodian baby.

### Praising our Shepherd

Below are just a few of the more prominent provisions the Lord has granted us. Please bless Him for these.

- Judson's going to be a big brother!
- Sell of trailer and truck
- A good flight itinerary for little kids. In addition, our pastor's daughter Jessica, long-time babysitting favorite of the Farmer girls, is joining us for the flight and our first 3 weeks in Cambodia; we hope her presence will help reduce the number of children lost as we go through customs, etc.
- While the work we're heading into is indeed "pioneer" missions, we go with an unusually rich support system. The Crowley and Kane families, who have been in Cambodia for 17 and 4 years respectively, have been a constant source of vital info regarding the nitty-gritty details of day-to-day living and how best to plan for it. J.D. and Brian will be meeting us at the airport, as well as helping us find housing and transportation in Phnom Penh. J.D.'s also promised the girls a midnight ice-cream treat!
- Similarly, Anna Crowley, Cambodian MK since age 5 and also a Farmer Babysitting All-Star, will be joining us in September to help our kids (and no doubt, their parents) learn the ropes in Cambodian culture. This is proof to us that the



Lord is indeed an artist, opening and closing our transition from the US to Cambodia with indispensable help from two of the most wonderful young ladies we know, Vanessa and Anna (that's an *inclusio* for all you seminarians still reading).

### Asking our Shepherd

And then join us in asking for His blessing in the following ways:

- Traveling mercies, particularly with the kids: Please pray that the valium will work (just kidding), that the kids will flex well with the rigors of international travel, and that we will make all our flights.
- Smooth set up in Phnom Penh: Please pray that the Lord would lead us to a good house and transportation for our family.
- Safe arrival of our shipment at reasonable costs (customs, etc.): Please pray for the timely arrival of our goods that will be following us via ocean.
- MOU: Please continue to pray that the Cambodian Ministry of Religion would follow through on their promise to renew EMU's Memorandum of Understanding (remember: "that the MOR would renew the MOU for EMU"). Getting this document will guarantee us free visas and the ability to minister in Stung Treng province (our ultimate destination in Cambodia).

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