

Why Australia?

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Greetings Family and Friends and Welcome to the New Year!

2012 was nothing like I expected it to be and I am sure that 2013 won't be either. I spent last year chasing my future all over the globe. This year begins with a new direction and vision. I am no longer looking back at Papua New Guinea but instead forward towards Perth, Australia. This means a change in mindset and the questions people ask me are changing too. I use to field questions about things like bugs or cannibalism in PNG but now the most common question is "Why Australia?"

This is a legitimate question, after all I was seriously considering work locations on multiple continents. But I am now committed to Perth, Australia until God directs me elsewhere and I am looking forward to getting to know the country and the people better. With that in mind, here is the short answer:

1. **I can see myself living and thriving in Fremantle.**

Fremantle is the suburb of Perth where the new church plants are currently located. It was strategically chosen for the work and it has the added benefits of being young, artsy, vibrant and right by the ocean.

2. **The team is amazing.**

Working alone is not something I enjoy. As I step into this new role, I will be learning from wonderful people. Each couple and single on the team has their own passion but the direction and ultimate goal are the same. My work will complement and expand what is already happening.

3. **It's not just a job.**

Once again I am taking on a role where life, work and ministry are very much interconnected. This is exciting and terrifying.

4. **It somehow makes sense.**

God's ways are not easily understandable. Australia was not on my short list but at the end of the day, I know that I am following Him and that path currently leads to Perth.

So I am starting 2013 with hope, a vision and lots of prayer. And that is a very good place to be. *-Joy Candee :-)*



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