

Introducing Ryan Alan Reiter

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Greetings Family and Friends-

Let's begin this letter with prayer. My hope in sharing this news with you is that it would prompt you to pray fervently for peace, wisdom and direction. I know that many of you have already been praying that God would bring a tall, dark and godly man into my life. And I am happy to say that I believe I have met that man. Please cover us in prayer as we move forward and seek God's face together.

I am thrilled to introduce you to Ryan Alan Reiter and I hope that you will have a chance to meet him, in person, in the future. Ryan and I met and began our relationship seven months ago thanks to the wonders of online dating. He lives in Camarillo, which is close to Santa Barbara, so this means that a lot of our relationship has been long distance. However, this also means that we have been able to build a good foundation for communication and truly cherish the time we have spent together in the same city. I really do love this man and he loves me.

So I hope that you are very happy for us but I know that some of you are thinking- What does this mean for Australia? Ryan desires for us to be pursuing overseas ministry. To read more about Ryan's calling and heart see "In Ryan's Words...". This means, with eyes on Jesus, we will be moving towards Australia together. We know that there are major changes, as well as challenges, in front of us but we are nevertheless excited about what the future holds.

I know that I just used the words love, together and future, but this is not an engagement announcement. Ryan and I want you to join with us at this place in our relationship, as we pray for wisdom, peace and direction. May God be glorified.

Joy Candee :-)



In Ryan's Words...

I grew up in a Christian home and when I was old enough I followed my dream of being a storm chaser to Colorado. While in church one Sunday God said to me, "Mark 16:15". Not knowing what it was, I opened up my Bible and read, "Go unto the world and preach the good news to all creation." This scripture has been on my heart ever since. In 2004, I found myself equipped with a degree in Biblical studies and a passion to use entertainment to reach people for Christ. What better place to fulfill this desire than the capital of entertainment, California. Six years later, while working for a radio station, I was challenged to read the Bible in 90 days. What resulted was a deeper love of scripture as well as a Bible study. Leading this Bible study has intensified my desire to teach, train and disciple. Now with Joy in my life, I am excited to see where the call to 'go' in Mark 16:15 takes us.

Ryan Facts

Height: 6'10 (seriously!)
Hometown: Pardeeville, Wisconsin
Favorite Bible Translation: Holman
Favorite Team: UW Badger Football
Previous Job Goal: Tornado Chaser
Unexpected Skill: Crochet (He learned from his grandmother.)

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