

The 10 Step Road to Australia

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Dear Family and Friends-

February 22, 2015 marked Ryan and my first wedding anniversary. This is a milestone for any couple but it has special significance for us because of our desire to live and work in Australia. Although we took a vision trip to Australia in October, we have been waiting for our one year anniversary in order to make decided steps towards Australia. We are under no illusions that being married for one year means we have everything figured out. No, instead we see our first year as a time where we have gotten to know each other better, worked on our style of communication and begun to establish our marriage culture. Waiting a year is foundational for our future and it's biblical (Deuteronomy 24:5).

We have now identified 10 major steps for us to take in order to get to Australia. These will be achieved over the next 2-3 years. Of course, we hope that it will take less time but we desire to do things right and in God's timing, even if this means waiting. Some of these steps are more significant hurdles than others but we are excited to get started.

Check out the steps on the next page. We will keep you posted as we reach each goal, as well as, the rest of life that will continue to happen amidst the big changes. In between newsletters be sure to get updates on our blog joyellen.wordpress.com.

Thank you for being a part of our lives and praying for these steps.

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10 Steps to Australia.

- **Become members of the Christ Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara**
Since we have decided to go through the Mission to the World, we are required to be members of a PCA church. Want to know why? Feel free to ask us.
- **Fill out MTW (Mission to the World) applications and complete first round interviews** The applications include theological assessment, references, our Christian story, background, personal history and more.
- **Attend REV in July** Readiness Evaluation happens in Atlanta. It's an intense course that is designed to test our teamwork, cross-cultural abilities and, as the name states, *readiness* for the work.
- **Begin support raising– 25%** My budget as a single person in Perth was about \$10,000 a month. We are anticipating a higher budget for the two of us.
- **Attend Launch in September** This is a week long introduction to MTW, we will be signing paperwork, getting set up for support raising and doing important things that can't be completed over Skype.
- **More support raising– 50%** Depending on how quickly we support raise, we will be assessing how long Ryan and I will keep our current jobs. I was almost at 50% when Ryan proposed in 2013.
- **Attend Living in Grace** This is the spiritual component of our training. It's an amazing week long retreat/training that will help us tone our spiritual muscles before heading overseas.
- **More support raising– 75%** Once we have enough support we will have more freedom to travel and to visit supporters, potential supporters and churches. But the ultimate goal is to have enough support to live in Australia indefinitely.
- **Attend CCMI** CCMI is a Cross Cultural Mission Internship, this month long course is attended in New York or Belgium depending on how quickly we have the needed support. The course includes church planting, language learning, teamwork and communication, cross cultural observation and much much more.
- **Final support goal– 100%** We know we're focusing a bit on support raising but it will be a huge part of our lives for the next few years. We can't get to Australia without the financial support in place.