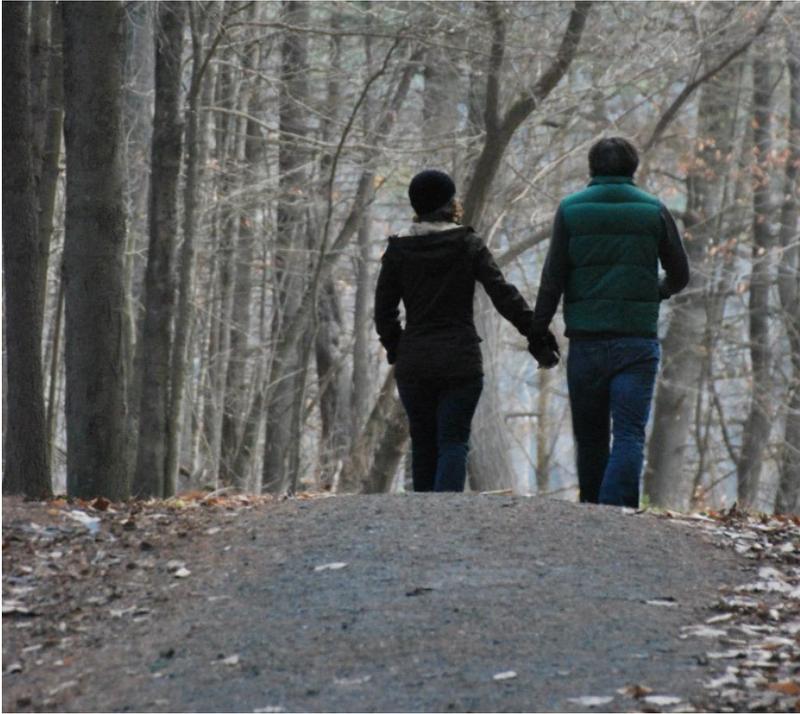


## What's Next? | Dec 2012



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“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go (“in your going”) therefore (Luke 24:47 includes “beginning from Jerusalem”) and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

We still feel God leading us in the direction of “extra-local” work, but the details regarding the “what” and the “when” are not exactly clear at this point. We both feel that we have a lot to learn, experience and grow in before heading out into a “new to us” place. We need to be faithful to the ways He has already been asking us to serve Him (resource stewardship, truth, discipleship, outreach, worship) wherever we are. This doesn’t mean that we are going to sit around waiting for an obvious sign before the next step . . . now is the time to prepare.

“Do I actually resemble a “*Christian worker*” in my daily life?”

“Am I living out Luke 14:25-33 right now?”

“Have I “counted the cost” and given everything up to fulfill the great commission of my Lord WHEREVER I am?”

We are going to take on the challenge: “Live as Christian workers at home before going to live that way somewhere else.” We feel that God is leading us to intentionally live out the great commission in our Jerusalem until He moves us elsewhere. It is true that “God doesn’t (only) call the qualified, He (also) qualifies the called,” so anything we do will be by His power and grace alone. So, what is going to change?

Up until now our lives have been very compartmentalized due to our geographic circles. Church. Community. Home. Family. Friends. Work. Play. Every now and then there is an overlap . . . but most of the time these areas of our lives have all been carried out in very different places, in very different ways and with different people. We desire to live and minister more within our immediate surroundings and want every area of our lives to have a direct impact on every other area of our lives.

Recently, with God’s leading, we made the decision to be in fellowship and get involved with the ministries of Reading City Church (a small, nearby NT modeled church in the heart of Reading). We are reaching out more in our immediate community in practical and spiritual ways. Our “home” has always been open and will continue to be for anyone and everyone. We are committing all of our resources (time, abilities & money) as tools in the hand of God . . . they are all His anyway, and we are trusting that He will provide all that we need. We are seriously reevaluating our work situations and planning ways to free up more time for Bible training, discipleship, relationship building and language study as we continue towards the goal of Christian service in other locations as God leads. We will be looking into other trips to various locations as opportunities and needs arise. We will keep the blog up to date and put together regular newsletters to keep everyone informed of how God is working in and through us so you will all know how to pray for us.

We would love to discuss this further with anyone who has questions about God’s guidance in our lives over the past few months. Your continued prayers are much appreciated as we press on in His service.