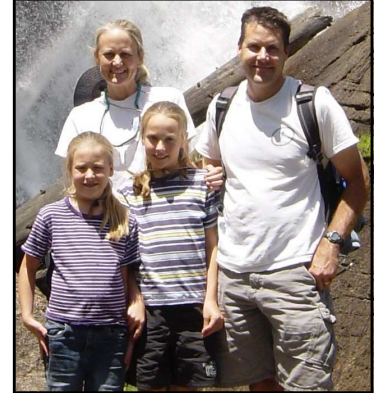


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# Steps to Cambodia

## **Hello family and friends-**

Greetings, exciting things are taking place in our lives! The Lord amazingly has stirred our hearts and desires to serve in full time missions at this time. For those of you who know us, you know this has been our passion ever since we were married in 1990.



## **Why Cambodia?**

Last year at the Mission Fest in Ontario, California, the Lord put Cambodia on our hearts. Cambodia has less than 1% believers out of a population of 14 million. The country was devastated by the evil regime of the Khmer Rouge in the 1970's. Two million people were massacred. The country continues to suffer hopelessly as they try to cling to their beliefs of a mixture of appeasing the spirits and Buddhism. Most have never had a chance to hear the love of Jesus Christ.

## **Called to OMF International**

This last January we began the application process. We have just came back from OMF (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) headquarters in Colorado. After multiple forms, interviews, and attending their two week candidate course, we have now been accepted and appointed by OMF International. OMF was started by Hudson Taylor in 1865 as China Inland Mission. Their mission statement: ***“To glorify God by the urgent evangelization of East Asia’s millions.”*** We identify with their interdenominational and international heart and spirit. They are committed to living as the people, by learning the language, the culture, world views, to take risks, and to use creative means to build up the kingdom of God.

**“You do not need a great faith, but faith in a great God” - Hudson Taylor**

## Ministry Vision

Lord willing we are planning to be involved in church planting, discipleship, evangelism, and medical outreach. Matt is currently taking classes to complete his **bachelor degree in bible**. Casey is taking a 12 day **medical training course** end of this July. This is taught by Equip, Inc. held in Victoria, Canada. They go over how to diagnose and treat third world diseases.



We are committing to a one five year term but we are expecting to stay longer. The first year in Cambodia is dedicated to language learning and culture immersion. After that, OMF will assigned our exact placement. We are targeting to leave in **Spring/Summer 2007** or possibly sooner as the Lord brings provision.

## Involvement

### Prayer Requests

1. The Lord guidance during this transitional time.
2. People who will team up with us in prayer and financial support.
3. Micah and Jordan to be excited for the journey that is ahead of us.
4. Opportunities to share with people about the Khmer of Cambodia.

Would you consider joining with us in **prayer** for the unreached Khmer of Cambodia and our family? We would love to **share with you**, your home group, or church about what God is doing in Cambodia. In an army, it takes nine support personnel for each soldier on the front lines. *It is a joint effort –we covet your prayers. We can't do this without you!* We have enclosed OMF's **yellow response card** if you would like to partner with us. Filling this out will make sure OMF will send you our regular prayer letter in the future or you can do this at [www.us.omf.org/partner](http://www.us.omf.org/partner).

Blessings,  
**Matt, Casey, Micah, &  
Jordan Friedberg**

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