

News from Kaitlyn Phillips, May 31, 2010

I just updated my blog with a "general" update...feel free to check it out www.kpworldsapart.blogspot.com

I am now full time at AOG World Relief!!! It is very exciting to now have the ability to fully focus on the work that I am most passionate about. We are currently in the throngs of trying to start up our coffee shop. We have a training room done and a kitchen set up for instruction! Now we are trying to fundraise for rent (of the actual coffee shop) and gather our inaugural group of youth to begin training!

This summer is looking like it will be quite busy!!! I have one friend coming in today who will be here for two weeks. After that one of my best friends comes for five weeks to volunteer here at AOGWR. I will be traveling to Singapore to visit some friends over a long weekend. I will be traveling to Thailand in August to attend a conference as well as do some sight visits of projects similar to what we do here. Our organization will be hosting a team from APU for a few weeks. I have an aunt and uncle who will stop by for a weekend on some of their SE Asia travels...hmm, am I forgetting anything :) Busy, busy, busy!

Something that I am really excited about is the money that Creekside raised! We will be using it to help fund a SHINE program that we will partner with the APU team to put on. Additionally, we will use some of the money to perform a SHINE program out in an orphanage in one of the local provinces! We will definitely be getting you more information (and pictures) as all these programs take place! When we have firm dates, I will pass them along because I would love for Creekside to join us in prayer! This program has the potential to be SO powerful...and frankly, life changing! So exciting to think of all that will come...

Whew, as for me personally, I am doing well...but surely am missing my family. My trip to Cambodia (which I spoke a little bit about in my blog) really gave me space and time to reflect on my journey thus far. It didn't really hit me until I slowed down...just how homesick I am! Isn't that funny? I didn't even realize how homesick I was! I think my homesickness is due to many different things. 1) I just have an incredible family, period. It's hard to be away from them, period. But also 2) I am in a season of great change. So much of my life work-wise, housing-wise, relationship-wise, etc., is changing...which makes for a very unsettled feeling. During such times, those people and things that you already miss seem to be heightened. Amidst it all though, I am hanging in and doing well...learning lots. Funny how God seems to use these times to shape us the most. :)

Oh and I have started preaching a little bit at our international fellowship—like father, like daughter I suppose!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for being a part of my journey.

Grace and peace and the third way,
Kait