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"Miss Beka...you're a good mom," the sleepy six-year-old girl cuddled up on my lap informed me after I finished her bedtime story. I grinned to myself and told her I was glad she thought so. She shifted and looked up at me with raised eyebrows.

"Miss Beka, how many kids do you have?"

"I don't have any, Marina," I laughed and tickled her, "that's why I get to come watch *you.*" She gasped and gazed at me with troubled, wide eyes, "But Miss Beka, why not?" "Because I don't have a husband yet," I smiled.

"Oh." she took this in. "Well, when are you getting one?"

I'll admit...sometimes, she wasn't the only who wondered. But, one of the most important things God has been teaching me over the past 2 years is that a life without romantic prospects does not mean a life without love, romance, and purpose. I realized that even if no men were looking my way, I had the attention and pursuit of Jesus Christ himself, who laid down his life to win my heart. He loves me more deeply than I could

> ever understand. He also used that time to open my eyes to the people around me who were starved for love. I was never short of someone to pour my attention



into, and He taught me more clearly that true love is not made up of feelings or chemistry, but of a willingness to lay down my rights and my best in order to serve and care for somebody else.

Along Came Cody...

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...and now I get a chance to practice that day by day on a different level. It has been encouraging to find that loving someone with a heart to serve God challenges me to grow in my walk. I am so thankful for Cody's example and perspective, and for the fun spark he brings to life!



Cody and I have been dating for 7 months. In March, Cody moved up to Jacksonville to finish aircraft mechanic school. He's using this training to prepare for the mechanical trouble he may face in a remote area overseas. Cody finishes school in May of next year, then we both plan to continue into Missions Training with New Tribes Mission. We are open to whatever ministry the Lord leads us

each into; but we both want to work to bring God's Word to a tribal group that does not have the Bible in their own language.

Singin' in the Rain...

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The Lord's faithfulness through those struggles has been a large focus in

my recent song-writing, and He has continued to provide opportunities to perform and record the music that expresses both the storms and the still waters of my walk with Him.

"Lord, all my desire is before you; and my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me ...in you, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God." ~Psalm 38:9-10, 15

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@ the Mission Possible festival befo went on stage

May 21, 2012

I suppose I expected Emergency Medicine to be a challenging field. I guess I'm just surprised at the ways it has challenged me. I thought the hardest part would be getting everything done in an

emergency setting. I wasn't prepared for what I had to deal with once the emergency was over. Many days at work

Yours in Christ,

I see things that wrench my heart. Things people do to each other. Things people do to themselves.

I have found that my soul will not find rest in getting the answers to why terrible things happen...but in choosing to trust you and take you at your word. You call me to hope in you.... Even when I feel that this is the moment that <u>if</u> you don't respond, <u>if</u> you don't meet me, I will fall and become consumed in despair. It is this same moment, the moment where I can't hold on any longer, that you show me your interaction with me was never an "if."

~from my Journal

What's Next... For the next year, I plan to move into the role of Lead Paramedic. Please pray that I will gain valuable medical experience for

overseas and learn how to cope with the difficulties I face in a way that is a testimony to those around me. Please pray for Cody to be able to raise the money he needs to finish school and move on into Missions Training.

I also plan to continue developing and performing music every chance I get. Please pray for the Lord's direction and that He will use it to draw people to Himself. For more on music: www.facebook.com/bekaheckman (Check out the "Music & Tour Info" Button)

Thanks for keeping up with me! I would love to hear from youl

..Here am I, Send № ~Isaíah