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**"Not so fast, Dad,"** I whispered, grinning as I hugged his arm tightly and shuffled forward, "it's harder than it looks to walk in this dress!" Music was playing softly, and row after row of smiling friends and family greeted us as we moved through the doors. *All the planning's done now, Beka, you can just relax and enjoy it,* I tried to tell my pounding heart. It was no use, of course, because **standing up front was my favorite smile in the world, and I was about to become his wife.**

Finally, the end of the aisle, a hug from my Dad, two steps up, and there I was. Standing in front of him, (and somehow still breathing), I felt like this moment couldn't be more perfect. Cody squeezed my hands, Mr. Dockum (our officiant) introduced the ceremony, and then there was a cryptic nod between the two. Cody stepped off stage. ***Where are you going??*** I almost said it. I'm pretty sure there are some opportune cameras that caught the face I made. ***He can't leave NOW!*** My incredulous gaze followed Him as he walked toward the side door, then stopped at a microphone, turned, and lifted his guitar from its previously hidden position. **It's a good thing my sister brought tissues.**

I will never forget that next moment, when Cody looked me in the eye and sang the first lines of a song He'd written just for me. The guys at work tell me I'm forbidden from repeating the story because it's too hard to top. It's almost 7 months later, and He's still surprising me. We have had such a good time in these first few months of married life. There have been lots of challenges and lots to learn, but **I am so thankful that whatever comes next, I'm in it with Him.**



# Our Plans:

## 1. Right here

We are spending time getting to know our church family, working and saving up for Missions Training (Cody at the airport, Beka on the ambulance), learning at marriage, and using our home as a meeting place for an Adult's Bible study on Fridays and an outreach to the kids in our neighborhood throughout the week.

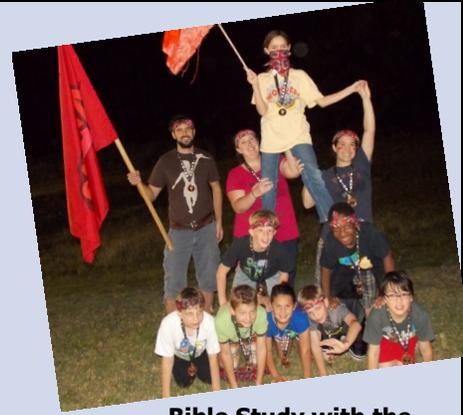
## 2. Missouri

We plan to move to Camdenton, Missouri in **August 2015** to go through Missionary Training with New Tribes Mission.

## 3. Overseas

We are praying for and preparing to go to a people group that does not have the Bible in their own language so that we can tell them about our incredible God and the way He has made for us to have a right relationship with Him.

AWANA (Kid's Bible Club) Survivor Night at Central Baptist



Bible Study with the neighborhood kids



From Beka's Journal...

May 15, 2014

"And whoever does not bear His cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and *count the cost*, whether he has enough to finish it?" ~Luke 14:27-28

You ask me to count the cost. You do not want half-hearted disciples or blind followers, but wise children who have stopped and considered that you are asking them to forsake everything...these are the disciples who will hold fast and push forward even when met with fire and pain and hardship; because their eyes are not on a pleasant journey, but on a worthy Savior.

**Thank you for praying for us! We'd love to hear from you!**

Yours in Christ,

*Cody & Beka*



"...Here am I, Send Me." ~Isaiah 6:8