

# THE GUNDERSON JOURNEY

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Dear Friends and Family,

We hope this letter finds you well. It is hard to believe that over 6 months have gone by since Sheila and I were married! It has been a very exciting six months as we have been adapting to married life. We wanted to write this to let you know what is happening in our lives, what our future plans look like, and how you can be praying for us. So here we go:

## CURRENT UPDATE

After we got back from our honeymoon in December, we loaded our wedding gifts into a moving truck to go back to Michigan so that I could finish up Bible school at New Tribes Bible Institute. I now have one semester left, and will graduate in December. Sheila and I are working at the local hospital in the Emergency Department as RN's. During school I limited my work hours, but now that it is summer we are both working quite a bit. *(In fact we live so much life there, we have to be careful not to let our ER experiences dominate our conversations ☺)*



All RN's in the E.R. wear green, so we often match when we go to work.

## FUTURE PLANS

After I graduate at the end of this year, we will be moving to Eugene, Oregon. While there, we hope to get involved with Grace Community Fellowship Church, and to work at the nearby hospital. Come August 2005, we plan to go onto the next phase of training with New Tribes Mission. Where will that be? Well . . . we are not quite sure yet, as there are a number of possibilities. We will keep you updated as the time draws near.

Where in the world will we end up when all the training is done? If you know the answer to this please let us know:) Neither of us feel led very strongly on a specific area yet. We are okay with



Here we are with ALL our stuff already packed in the front of a trailer and we are ready to take off in our rental vehicle to drive across country to Michigan.

that, and are learning to trust God one step at a time. He's teaching us that the important thing is that we walk with Him and respond to Him in our daily lives.

## LESSONS

-We are grateful for one another and the ways that God uses our spouse to sharpen and refine us.  
- Sheila, "God has been teaching me a lot about being content in whatever circumstances He has me in, even if it includes seemingly mundane tasks like laundry, cooking and cleaning. So often I want to go out and "accomplish big things" for God. He is teaching me that He wants me to draw near to Him in the smaller areas of life first. It's about what He's doing in me and through me, rather than what I can do for Him"

-Paul "I have been learning a lot about myself through being married; such as how selfish I can be and how I am in constant need of our Saviour to always consider another person's needs above my own. Sheila has been my most faithful encourager and helper and I am so happy that God has put her in my life as my wife. We have a lot of fun together as we find creative ideas for dates. We also have many laughs together. This has been the most enjoyable six months of my life and I look forward to many more enjoyable months.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

-Please be praying for which place we should go to do our further training.  
-Please pray that God would be guiding and directing us for future ministry