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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Cambodia Mission Trip  
27th Dec- 28th Jan, 2012

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Move back to College  
30th January

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Debrief day for  
Cambodia Mission Trip  
18th February

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College Mission to  
Belrive, Hobart  
25th March- 1st April

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# Learning to Lead...



~ AMANDA LEWIS; DEC 8TH 2011 ~

## A Time Of PREPARATION!

396 hours of lectures or 16 subjects completed. However you wish to calculate my year, it has been a big one. Unable to summarise this full year in one favourite highlight; it has been a memorable year of spiritual growth, challenges and some definite 'ah-ha' moments.

Some people have asked me 'so what does an [Associate Degree of Theology](#) mean?'

I thought I would list my subjects for you to give some perspective, so here are 2011s subjects (collated):

*Old Testament:* Foundations; Prophets and Writings

*New Testament:* Content and Setting of the Gospel Tradition; Early NT Church

*Church History:* to 1550; 1550 to Modern Times

*Mission Subjects:* Theology of Mission; Cross-Cultural Communication

*Certificate in Biblical Studies Subjects:* Biblical Theology; Hebrews; Psalms; Mark; Introduction to Degree Theology; Introduction to Preaching and Expounding Scripture (Preaching).



**A Cambodian hut  
at the village!**

Having come to the end of my first year of study, I must say that I'm glad my original thoughts to just do one year of study were not what God planned. I really feel like I've only touched the surface and there are still so many un answered questions. It really does take a lifetime and more to get into God's word and discover it for what it is.

I am looking forward to 2012 and what it holds, though I will share more on this in my next newsletter.

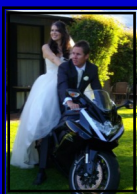
Much has happened since I last wrote in September. I enjoyed a (forced) rest in the company of [Anna](#), Jen (and her sister) & Adi, and Kathryn, as we explored the beauty of the Blue Mountains and especially Katoomba, Wentworth Falls and Leura Cascades. Walking around Sydney Harbour; catching the Manly ferry and spending a day at Taronga Zoo where the animals were surprisingly all out to play, was a great joy and it was nice to just be able to spend time together once more in this part of God's wonderful world.

November 5th brought out a sunny 26°C down in Bowral as we all dolled up for [Adam and Fiona's special day](#). The Wedding went off smoothly and was a great day with family and friends. The whole event was celebrated at Briars Country Lodge and Historic Inn and the ceremony was held next to the lake, among the willows and residing ducks.

## Please Pray...

- » **Praise** God for bringing me through my first year of college and **Pray** that I can cope with the stress in the year ahead as I study and make some big decisions about the future.
- » **Praise** that Adam and Fiona's Wedding went smoothly. It was a beautiful sunny day down in Bowral and a great opportunity to catch up with Family.
- » **Praise** for the leadership training I received and **Pray** that I would be faithful and have a discerning heart to lead the team as we prepare for and go to Cambodia.
- » **Pray** for the team as we go to Cambodia. May God use us as He sees fit for His glory.
- » **Pray** that the Lord would continue to provide for my financial, spiritual and especially my physical needs, as my body battles against spending so many hours studying.

**“May they be brought together in complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”  
John 17:22-24 (NIV)**



**Check out my  
Facebook  
for more photos**

Back in September I had the joy of learning at a one day [leadership training course](#), which helped me prepare to start leading the team to go to Cambodia. With the wedding and my end of year exams occupying most of my stress and time; the trips preparations slowly began to come together when time allowed.

After exams finished, we had the joy of hearing Don Carson speak at a number of our end of year college events. We worked together during duties day to get the college looking neat and I enjoyed helping in the kitchen for the graduates retreat.

When my college commitments were complete for the year, I started getting into the full swing of the preparations for the [Short Term Mission to Cambodia](#). With now less than 20 days to go till I fly out, there is still much to be done and get organised, and less time with Christmas festivities in the midst. So what's ahead...

Deb (a fellow student) and myself will be flying out on [27th December](#) via Singapore to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital. Arriving early on 28th December, we will be staying in [Phnom Penh](#) until 6th January when we will catch a bus to Siem Reap. During our first ten days, we will engage with our supervisor and focus more on the cultural aspects of Cambodian life, to help us with our [Cross-Cultural Field Education](#) subject requirements. We are hoping to be able to visit places like the killing fields and genocide museum and also see where [International Teams](#) is working at the Shalom School.

Once in [Siem Reap](#), the rest of the team will fly in, joining us on 8th January and we will have three weeks of ministering alongside the International Teams missionaries in a Student Centre and two local villages. We will be [teaching English](#)

and leading some other [evangelistic programs and workshops](#) and prayerfully being a blessing wherever we can. Toward the end of the three weeks, a New Zealand team from International Teams will be joining us before we leave them to continue ministering.

It will be an intense trip with much planned, but we pray that the Lord will go before us and show us what He wants us to do. There is still a lot to do over the next few weeks before Christmas, but I pray that He is preparing both our hearts and those whom we will minister among.

Having been on previous Short Term Trips and lived in Romania, I know God has been preparing the way for me to lead this trip. My prayer is that He would use me to be a blessing to those on our team, as we all work together and grow together to see God's name proclaimed and worshipped in Cambodia. For some of our team, going Cross-Cultural is a new experience, and for all it will raise up new challenges and opportunities. For one of the villages, they are yet to hear the Gospel, and at the Student centre great sensitivity is needed as we share God's love with them. Please pray for our team as we discern how the Lord is leading each of us and may we have an open heart to His guiding in each of our lives.

In His Hands,

~Manda~

*Photos: Adam and Fiona's Wedding; Adventuring around Sydney with our Kiwi friend; The girls I lived with in semester 1 and 2 respectively.*



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Nick Van Der Hout  
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*“For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” Philipians 2:13*