

Introducing... Mr. Gillespie

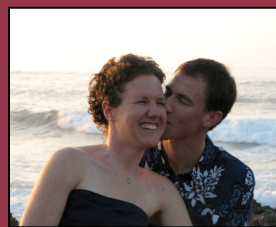
A few weeks ago I mentioned to you that I wanted to tell you more about Jason, who I've been dating for about seven months now. The reason for that is that

Jason and I are getting married!

On February 8 he flew up to Rhode Island, surprising me, and asked me to marry him. (I said "yes".) I am so excited. Jason is an incredible man... He loves God, and I have come to know God more deeply and love Him more during the time we've been dating. I would say that more than any friendship I've had, my relationship with Jason has been about our pursuit of knowing Jesus together. So much of who Jason is challenges me: his character, his servant-heartedness, his wisdom, his care for others, his humility, his loyalty, his ability to love, his pursuit of honoring God at the deepest levels. I can't believe that God has given him to me!

Our Story (briefly)

Jason and I met this past summer when I was out in Yellowstone on our summer missions project. Jason was one of the other five staff members on our team, and within the first couple of days of the summer, we were each fighting a growing attraction for the other. We started dating in the middle of this past August, and have been long-distance since then (sometimes very long distance—see "Jason Facts"). Thank goodness for frequent flyer miles! We got engaged five days shy of our 6-month anniversary, and just set a date for our wedding—August 31, 2008!



A Few Jason Facts

Full Name: Jason Gillespie

Birthdate: May 7, 1982
(he's 16 months younger than me!)

Hometown: Oscoda, MI

Education: Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Tech

Currently lives: Orlando, FL

Occupation: Missionary, The Jesus Film Project.
The Jesus Film is also part of Campus Crusade, but Jason's job, instead of working with college students, is to travel internationally, recording this movie about the life of Jesus in new languages (this month he's in The Congo!)

Favorite things: Country music, skiing, cold weather, being outside, adventurous activities, teaching, building/fixing stuff, significant conversations, good hugs

Please Pray For Us!

- For Jason's current trip—he's recording two new languages in DRC, and will be there until April
- For wisdom, unity & good communication in making wedding decisions & decisions about our future
- For God to continue to bind our hearts to one another, and that we'd love Jesus deeply & increasingly together