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## *Divine Connections: WE MOVED!*

Have you ever had one of those moments when you *just knew* you were experiencing something *Divine*? I (Sarah) don't mean a great tasting dinner, an amazing sale price on something you've longed for, or even a great pair of shoes. No, I mean something *big*. Something or some series of events which is too far-fetched to have simply happened coincidentally. Rather, something which left you speechless and in tears whenever you talked about it. Yes? Yeah, me, too. We are living it right now!

On Friday 10 December 2010 Mike and I both returned emails. Mike's email was from an engaged couple looking for their first home together starting in January 2011. My email was from a Texas friend who recently returned from a missions trip to Rwanda where he met Camille from Brooklyn (are you following this? ! Ha! God makes such crazy connections). Thinking that Camille and I would hit it off, the Texan suggested I email her. So I did. We emailed through the weekend while Mike set up a showing of our Orlando townhome for Sunday afternoon, 12 December 2010.



Mike and I with Camille on the front steps to her Brooklyn Brownstone after a huge NYC snowstorm. That's our front door. Our apartment is one flight up.

Sunday morning Camille emailed asking if we wanted to *sublet her Brooklyn apartment for six months*. While we emailed on Friday and Saturday, she interviewed for a temporary position with a fair-trade clothing company in Central America. To accept the job, she needed someone to take over her apartment lease starting in January. She felt like God told her to offer us the right-of-first-refusal, but she'd need a response by Friday (17 December) so she knew if she could accept the job. Giddy with the possibilities (and the affordability of the sublet, even though we aren't yet at full support!), I mentioned the idea to Mike on the way to church, knowing that two obstacles stood in our way. We needed (1) renters for our Orlando townhome and (2) supervisor approval since we aren't fully funded yet.

The Brooklyn sublet seemed like a possibility only because a week prior *one of our financial partners felt led by God to triple her support*, bringing us just shy of 50%. She said she felt God called her to *make a greater investment in our ministry and not wait until the end of the year to increase*. For her, the issue was listening to God and acting when He prompts her, rather than procrastinating. **Had she waited, we would not have been financially able to afford this fully furnished opportunity** when Camille offered it.

*The possibilities started to emerge, and I started to dream... Could God be behind all of this?*

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Wednesday 15 December 2010 the couple signed our lease and dropped off a deposit check. Next we called our Leadership Development supervisors asking for approval for an unusual situation. Campus Crusade for Christ normally (and wisely) requires staff to be at full support before reporting to your ministry assignment. We were approved to move to NYC, joining our team part-time in January.

Both obstacles were cleared! We'd been praying for renters since January 2010, and have had several showings, but God had the right people tucked away for just the right time. Apparently they had been looking for a home for a while, and the week prior felt discouraged about finding the "right" home. And Camille couldn't accept her new job without subletters. ***Imagine the choreography in the heavenlies as God arranged events and introductions to converge at the same time; at just the right time!***

**God used our ministry partners in a significant way to make all of this happen. YOU are part of an incredible team of people who pray, give and go so we can work in full time ministry.** For years we've had a team of people giving faithfully to supply our daily needs. This fall Mike and I met many new ministry partners who are committed to praying and giving. ***We rely on people like you to pray for us. God uses people like to provide our daily bread (or Brooklyn pizza!), and He makes His Divine Connections through people like you.*** We are so grateful and so thankful for your ministry partnership, and we can't wait to tell your stories of how God uses YOU in NYC.



Mike with boxes in our Orlando garage. In February we will move our belongings to a northern storage unit.

designed Manhattan's Central Park. It is beautiful. Saturday morning we went for a walk through the snowy park and saw people on horse back!

Yesterday we participated in our first all-NYC-staff wide prayer meeting with 50 or so staff and volunteers from the nine different CCC ministries in NYC. We heard from the author of the new book, *ethNYcity*, that ***NYC has over 500 different cultural/ethnic groups and over 800 languages are spoken here!*** Looking for a good prayer guide? Visit [www.ethNYcitybook.com](http://www.ethNYcitybook.com) to order your copy.

At the end of January we start our training and orientation with our campus team. We'll fill you in on that in next month's update. Or check our website for Sarah's blog entries: [www.EversFam.com](http://www.EversFam.com)

In the next few months we will continue to work on our funding. We'll spend half of our working hours with students in NYC, but the primary focus needs to be on raising the additional financial support so we can stay in the City long term. We will continue to trust God to provide for all of our needs. ***We're truly humbled and overwhelmed by God's goodness and generosity.*** He sees us!

***Thank you Jesus. Only You could work all this out for ALL OF OUR good! AMEN!***

Visit our website for info, updates and stories about our NYC experiences. [www.EversFam.com](http://www.EversFam.com)

**We had four days to pack up our home** and box it all for storage in our garage until February, then for storage in a unit up north, until we sign a lease on our "permanent" home. This Brooklyn apartment is fully furnished, and we'll live here until the end of June. Talk about a fast turn around... and right before we headed north for Christmas celebrations with both of our families!

I write to you from Brooklyn, one of the five boroughs which make up New York City (Manhattan, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx). We live a half a block from a subway station and from Prospect Park, which was designed by the same landscape architect who



We took the F and the 7 for one hour to arrive at CCC's NYC office near Grand Central Station. On the way back we took the F and the 6, transferring at this station.