

# Steve & Lisa Frey to Visit St. Andrew July 9

Steve and Lisa Frey and family serve Christ in predominately Muslim Kosovo, and St. Andrew is privileged to share in their ministry through both prayer and financial support. The Freys will be visiting churches who share in their support this summer, as well as settling their eldest son, David, into college. (See David's message about transitioning from being a missionary kid to going to college in the United States below.)

Importantly, they will be visiting the Frey-Law family in Iowa City in early July, and have reserved Sunday, July 9 to worship with us. They will share information about their mission work between services. In particular, they will share about the progress toward the completion of a center for hospitality and ministry, Hope Center, which St. Andrew has provided some planks and shingles through our benevolence giving. **Please mark the date and plan to meet the Freys and attend their presentation!**



## My Last Year by David Frey

As a senior, and being 18 years of age, I am realizing more and more how this truly is my last year living life how I am used to it. Yes, I will revisit this area (Kosovo). Yes, I will see my family again, and yes, I will probably continue to move around the globe doing some sort of work for the Lord, in one way or another, but, my life is about to take a dramatic turn. I am about to leave the country/continent that I am most familiar with. I am about to enter into a culture about which I really don't know that much, and I will have to start living without my family.

For the time being, I am not going to another country in Europe, I am talking about moving to the USA. While many people don't and won't understand why this is so hard as, "You're American," truly, I am not American, and I'm not European either. Living a life split between two or more continents makes you a TCK (Third Culture Kid). Now I get that I am living in only two different cultures, but the idea is that I have created my own and completely unique third culture that doesn't really identify with either of the two. While I get things from both North America and Europe, I also seem to get things out of nowhere.

Fortunately I have learned where this "nowhere" I get my traits from is; it's God. Because, while I can relate to some things to Americans, and some things to Europeans, I can't fully connect with either of these places, and the only name that really sticks is Child of God.

Of course I can't just tell this to people on the street, it takes too long and so I usually stick to, "I'm an American from the state of Montana". This is in fact true, but only partially. Other TCKs are really the only people who get it, but TCKs aren't just everywhere, and so, I already know that life in the states is going to be quite a challenge.

It may not seem like it to you as, "I am just coming back home," but really, I am neither leaving my home nor coming back to one, I am just moving between foreign areas. Yes, I can be comfortable in both, and yes, I can identify a little with both and have a great time, but in full honesty, my home is in God. Everywhere else is just temporary residence or another citizenship, but who I am is in God.

This doesn't mean that I am always an outcast, or an odd man out, I am simply stating that I have lived a life that hasn't allowed me to put my identity in my location or achievements, and while this can definitely be a great thing, it can also be extremely hard for others to understand and can sometimes form a disconnect that I don't know how to bridge. This will be one of my learning curves during my time in the states.

My time in Kosovo under my family is coming to a close; my time as a missionary kid is coming to a close; my time of dependence on my parents is coming to a close; but I know where my identity is at and where my home will always be.