Subject: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Fri, 04 Nov 2011 21:12:13 GMT
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Billy and Kaitlyn found an apartment today! It is a 6 month lease which is what they wanted (no longer than that). It is in a not too bad section of Augusta. The apartments are nice and there is 24 hour security. Several policeman live there also. Most of the residents are students at Augusta State or the Medical College of GA. The absolute top price they could pay was $500 a month and this is $495 :d Everyone is happy. This will give us and them 6 months to get deed straightened out and the trailer out on the property and fixed up like they want. Thank y'all so much for your prayers and advice!

We bought the property behind us on a foreclosure. The plan is to put a trailer out there for Billy and Kaitlyn. They are getting married in 2 weeks from tomorrow! We thought it would be a done deal by now but we still don't have the deed. We are wading through red tape galore. We could get the deed in 2 weeks or 4 weeks and then however long it takes to go the paperwork for the trailer and get it set up. There is already a well and septic out there so that is done.

Here is the dilemma. If they get an apartment they will have to sign at least a 7 month lease which they will end up having to break and they will have to move twice. They want to stay here. Billy has been living her (in my music room) since June because his lease was up and he didn't want to sign another one because we thought we would have the trailer by then. I really don't know if this is a good idea. My biggest reservation is that in 2 weeks they will be married and thus they will be sleeping together. This is a small house and we have 7 people living there. I have 3 other children living her. There will be no privacy for them and I don't want the other children feeling uncomfortable (and dh and I!) knowing what is going on in the room they would have if you know what I mean.

This isn't a good situation.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by BusyMommy on Fri, 04 Nov 2011 21:16:06 GMT
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Don't you have a travel trailer? Run some water and electricity to that and let them play house out there.
Great idea except we sold the camper about a year ago :( We sold it because with everyone's
schedules being different we hadn't been up to the mountains for a year. Jim and Jimmy go to
fish but they just stay in one of the cabins.

Oh pooh! That would have been wonderful. I didn't know you no longer had it. I know you all
used to go camping and remember you posting the photos.

Is there a reason why they can't get an apt and stay till the lease is up? Use the extra time
(whatever there is) to fix up the trailer and make a nice little nest? Would they end up paying rent
and a mortgage at the same time?
The shortest rental agreement they can find is 7 months. Unless we wait 7 months to put the trailer out here they will have to break the lease because there is no way they could afford rent and a trailer payment and there is no way I could afford to make it for them.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Mary Jo on Fri, 04 Nov 2011 21:54:58 GMT

My son and and my new daughter in law stayed with us as Newlyweds for two months. They had rented a house and soon after they moved in, it was robbed and my DL was pretty freaked out because they broke the front door down.

I think since it will only be for two to four weeks that it would not be that awkward for them or you to stay with you during that time.

It may be uncomfortable because of space but it seems to be the most practical thing for everybody involved.

They will be a married couple and nobody needs to ponder what they are doing when the door is shut. ;)

As long as they are given their privacy it should not be that awkward.

I know it is not the best solution and everybody might be a bit uncomfortable but I bet all of us can share some stories where we were living in less than comfortable conditions.

It does seem to be the best solution economically.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Fri, 04 Nov 2011 21:58:16 GMT
Thanks, Mary Jo. I am glad someone who has been though this responded :)

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Elizabby on Fri, 04 Nov 2011 22:27:59 GMT

Mary Jo wrote on Sat, 05 November 2011 08:54:
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Agree with all of this. We stayed with my IL's briefly after we were married - in my DH's old bedroom! It was a little weird, but it was only for a short time and for a good reason, and it was fine.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Lisa T. on Fri, 04 Nov 2011 22:29:40 GMT

Michele, we had Kati & Nick here for a couple of weeks after he got out of the Marines, while they looked for a place. Then they lived with his parents for a short while. It was most unsatisfactory, but was probsbly far worse for them than it was for us! If they are willing, than as a temporary measure it seems reasonable. For heaven's sake, your kids don't tiptoe around wondering what you and your dh are doing behind closed doors, right? Same courtesy goes for your ds and his bride!
I still remember when dh & I returned from our honeymoon and we were going to spend a couple of nights at my parents' home...I was the oldest child and the first to get married. My mom, out of years of habit with 5 teens/young adults and their guests, had been in the midst of arranging for me to share a room with my sister, with my dh on the couch, :? when my sisters pointed out that we were actually married 8o and she could put us both in the same room, for heaven's sake! :lol: My sisters bunked together in one room and gave us the other. :d We still laugh about that!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Kelly E on Fri, 04 Nov 2011 22:39:30 GMT
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Dh and I had to move in with my parents for a few months when we had been married about a year. While it wasn't the most ideal situation it was do-able for a time. Mom and Dad were respectful and would take a trip to Walmart or wherever making sure to tell us "we're going out and will be gone for 1 1/2 hours (or whatever) just so you know." They were giving us alone time without making it more awkward. We did the same thing for them. We all survived! :) It's only for a short time and as long as everyone gives their space and respects each other it will be fine!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by bolt. on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 00:41:10 GMT
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It sounds crowded, but I don't think it needs to be especially awkward. Anyhow, there shouldn't be any greater awkwardness about the household presuming they are having sex regularly after marriage than there is in the household presuming you and your husband are having sex regularly.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Terri in NY on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 01:15:31 GMT
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you and your husband are having sex regularly.

Exactly what I was thinking. The only one it may be awkward for is the newlyweds.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sherry in NH on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 01:34:15 GMT
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What about a motel? Or ask around church, and see if someone has a guest suite, or prophet's chamber, or extra house, or travel trailer or whatever.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Karen in TN on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 01:50:14 GMT
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Sherry in NH wrote on Fri, 04 November 2011 20:34:What about a motel? Or ask around church, and see if someone has a guest suite, or prophet's chamber, or extra house, or travel trailer or whatever.

I'd check and see if someone had a camper they could "rent" and park in your driveway. If not, then they could stay. I would not want to do that as a newlywed unless it was the last resort. I don't think they should break a lease. Most of the time they will make you pay what was left on the lease.

Karen in TN

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Barbara K (NC) on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 02:05:43 GMT
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Well, Michele, I'm going to go out on a limb here and take a different position. I think that the first few weeks of marriage is such a tender, special, important time for a couple to learn how to live together as husband and wife. It goes FAR beyond just sharing a bed.
I think that it's a good thing for newlyweds to have the freedom to run around naked a LOT. Make a lotta noise if they want. Have sex on the couch if they want. Just be goofy. That can't happen when they're still living with mom and dad and siblings. I think that it's good for newlyweds to have the freedom to STAY in bed all day on a Sunday...maybe even missing church. I think it's important for newlyweds to have the freedom and privacy to be silly and in love and sentimental and whatever else they want. Learning how to be married takes some adjustment, work, and time. Some of it's really fun and some, not so much. But it's all important.

I think it's a really good thing for newlyweds to learn how to communicate with each other about dishes and bathrooms and dirty laundry...without an audience and without living under someone else's house rules. I think it's really important for newlyweds to figure out what kind of family they want to build, starting with the two of them. There is so much to learn about living with another person, one that you've committed your LIFE to...

I realize that this is all my personal opinion and clearly, I'm not going with the flow here....sorry! I want to be very direct with you, Michele...you are a mom who is never going to be confused with someone who doesn't have an opinion! We all love that about you! Your daughter, on the other hand, is very young. She's always deferred to you because you are the MOM. And that's how it should be while she still lives under your roof as your daughter. It's going to be a whole lot trickier living under your roof as someone's WIFE.

I think that you'll have some big challenges just having the couple live on your property in their own house...challenges of knowing when to keep your mouth shut and your oar out. (I'm speaking as a 6 month old MIL myself...learning every day to zip my lip about things that I have an opinion about. And I was BORN with an opinion about everything! My grown son and DIL just don't need to hear them all!) I think that you all, as a family, will run the risk of setting some unhealthy precedents in your relationship with your GROWN, MARRIED daughter and her husband. I'm not saying that you will for sure, but there is a serious risk if they start their marriage living in your home, abiding by your House Rules.

I would strongly encourage you to not try to push this situation. Of course it CAN work if it absolutely had to, but it doesn't have to. There aren't extreme circumstances, we don't live in a culture where it's common, nobody is seriously ill or unemployed. There's no reason why they can't lease an apartment for 7 months and delay purchasing the trailer for a few months so the timing all works out. Yes, it means another move, but from where I sit, that move would be totally worth the work.

And FWIW, if you were asking this question a year from now...my answer would be different. I
think I feel so strongly about this because those first few weeks and even months of being newly married are so critical and precious. A year from now, your daughter and her husband will have a year of marriage under their belts, they'll have an identity as a couple apart from mom and dad, they'll be comfortable with having a sex life, they'll have their own (still fairly new) family culture. A few weeks with mom and dad at that point wouldn't be a big deal. Right off the bat? a REALLY big deal.

Obviously, these are all just my opinions...(I don't even play an expert on TV!) ;)

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Mary Jo on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 02:27:50 GMT
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Actually Barbara I do agree with you 100%!

All I wanted to say was if it had to work it could.

I was always in less than ideal situations first married and when we first had children.

We had a great honeymoon for about two weeks alone and then we were at my in-laws house for a few weeks.

Then we lived in a community home and only had a bedroom for privacy for about 6 months.

We were missionaries and it was just how life was for us.
It all worked out OK and we were happy just be together ;)

I do agree though that ideally they should be alone but I don't think it is worth getting in debt over.

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
I totally agree with Barbra.

I'm with Barbara as well. After our honeymoon, we spent 3 weeks with my inlaws before our first church opened up. It was less than perfect. Since we were both unemployed we spent a lot of time away from the house.

Are there cabins in the area that you could rent one for a few weeks? Its off season, so they shouldn't be as expensive.

Maybe this is the Lord's provision for them to start out on their own for a period of time. They could move in the back after 7 months when they are well established as a couple. And you are thinking it will be only 2-4 weeks to sort things out... In my experience, everything takes soooo much longer than it should. What if it's six weeks? Three months? They will already be living on your property. After living in your house for a period of time, some dynamics will be established that maybe shouldn't be.

I'm not trying to ignore the financial ramifications of all of this and in the end, everyone will just have to do what they have to do but if possible, it'd be nice for them to be on their own at least for a bit.

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Actually what Barbara posted is so true! Dh and I moved back in over a year after we were married and after reading what she wrote I can see that we did have the time alone at first to establish ourselves! Very good advice from her! What do Kaitlyn and Billy want to do?

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Lisa T. on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 10:55:08 GMT

I think I'm in agreement with those who say the best arrangement would be to have them find an apt and wait awhile to get the trailer.

When Kati & Nick moved back here (and they had been on their own in NC for over a year, but Nick had been deployed 7 months of that time...so they had never really "settled" if you KWIM?) they were living with family and then in a trailer very close to family for 6 months. The transition was difficult for everyone. Parents hadn't really learned to be "fellow adults", siblings would drop in without announcing themselves or knocking (not my ds, but Nick's little brothers), everyone knew when they were home or out...it was very intrusive for them. When they finally bought a house, it was too far away for family to just stop in or for family to expect them to be available for events all the time, although close enough for everyone to get together occasionally.

I think if they moved back to this area now, it would be fine. Appropriate boundaries and habits have been established, and they are much more confident as a couple (not calling mom when someone is throwing up or has a fever, for example).

Their early marriage was pretty disrupted because of military stuff, and they were really still newlyweds when they moved back here...so I think the example applies.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Robin H. on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 11:34:33 GMT

Barbara, you make so much sense. I think you are very right. And this could be the Lord intervening to give this very young couple some time to establish their relationship, make a new family, and make some memories to draw on for the tough times which invariably come. It would
be really difficult to do this under someone else's roof. 7 months sounds like a wonderful honeymoon.

We had to live with dh's folks in our first year of marriage but only after 8 months on our own.

They could put some of their stuff in storage and keep purchases down. The two moves don't have to be that difficult.

Robin H.

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?  
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 12:12:26 GMT
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Billy mentioned to one of my other children that he would like to just stay here until the trailer is ready. He is very comfortable here and has been living with us for almost 5 months. I don't think is is thinking about all of the ramifications :d

Here is the other issue, and this is KAITLYN'S biggest issue... The greater Central Savannah River Area (CSRA which includes Augusta, North Augusta, Martinez, Evans, Hephzibah and several other towns/communities) is VERY crime ridden. The city of Augusta can easily rival the city of Atlanta for the number of violent crimes. For their price range, they will have to live in Augusta proper where all the crime is. We live about 15 miles out of Augusta in a rural area in Columbia County. It is MUCH safer out here and that is one reason we were so excited about buying the property behind us for them. We were able to get it on a foreclosure for less than a third of the assessed value. It is 2 1/2 acres. Kaitlyn is scared to live in Augusta because she doesn't get off work until 8pm and will have to to home by herself. Billy doesn't get off until 10 or 11.

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?  
Posted by K in nc on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 12:28:50 GMT
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Well, the safety factor certainly needs to taken into consideration. Sounds like prayer for clear guidance for everyone involved is definitely in order! :)

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Sherry in NH wrote on Fri, 04 November 2011 21:34: What about a motel? Or ask around church, and see if someone has a guest suite, or prophet's chamber, or extra house, or travel trailer or whatever.

I think the travel trailer idea is great. Around here there are places that you can rent them.

Ron and I lived with my folks when we were first married. Prior to that, he was living in their basement for a time out of necessity. It's doable, but looking back, it would have been better if we had a little place of our own.

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Leigh on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 13:20:16 GMT
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Home run, Barbara. I'm all for married kids to have their own space.

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sherry in NH on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 13:20:32 GMT
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My ds's friend married and was building a house. He and his now-wife lived in the travel trailer behind his parents' house for two years, until the house was liveable.

In the coldest weather, the second year, they finally moved indoors to sleep, but they made it work for an entire year before that happened. It made them pare their life down to real needs, too, which was interesting.
It is such a mess because we thought we would have the deed long before now. We bought the property 6 months ago.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sherry in NH on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 13:23:11 GMT
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I missed that part. Where is the deed currently, Michele - any idea?

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Jamie on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 13:29:53 GMT
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Honestly, I would encourage my daughter to rent for seven months, not break the lease, and use that as my honeymoon-learn-the-ropes-of-being-alone-and-married-to-one- another time. I wouldn't break the lease at all. I understand they want to live there - benefits maybe of beginning to save money or something - but once they are married it is going to be better for them to be on their own in the long run. Sure, continue on with the property...and they can have fun making that their project over the next seven months...working on the inside, working with the land, setting up things or doing projects on the property/trailer.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 13:31:45 GMT
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Because it was a foreclosure, it has to go through some sort of process. We have a real estate attorney taking care of it. We are supposed to have the deed this coming week but that isn't a guarantee. There could be another delay. Even if we do get the deed this week, it then has to be recorded at the courthouse, I don't know how long that takes. Once the deed is actually recorded in our name, then Billy and Kaitlyn can buy the trailer but they have to go though the loan process and then they have to wait for the trailer to be set up out here. Columbia County has a lot of regulations when you put up a trailer so it takes longer. It has to have a certain kind of skirtng and it has to be anchored a certain way before they will allow you to hook up the electric. The one good thing is, there is already an electric pole out there as well as a well and septic tank so the
actual hookups to those could be fairly easy.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Bonnie on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 13:52:07 GMT
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The more I think about it, the more I think the motor home idea would be a serious thing to pursue. It doesn't have to be fancy. The vacation season is over and I'm sure that there are lots of people trying to unload older ones for Christmas money. Even they had to buy one, it would be cheaper than rent and they could turn around and sell it when they no longer need it.

This is what a quick search showed in my area for not too much.


Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 16:05:26 GMT
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Something like that would take up all their downpayment money which means they would have to sell it before buying the trailer and then they would still end up living with me!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Barbara K (NC) on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 16:07:39 GMT
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Michele (Queen of Cheap) wrote on Sat, 05 November 2011 12:05
Something like that would take up all their downpayment money which means they would have to sell it before buying the trailer and then they would still end up living with me!
Even in this situation, though, it delays the whole process...in a GOOD WAY. Five months from now, it won't be such a big deal for them to come live with you for a few weeks.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sherry in NH on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 18:07:44 GMT
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Ask on freecycle, too; maybe someone has one sitting in their back yard that they'd love to donate for a few weeks.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Trisha in Hawaii on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 19:28:52 GMT
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I'm praying for the situation. I have my ideas but God always has better ones. T

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Lisa R. on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 20:47:47 GMT
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I didn't read all the responses, but if the trailer isn't bought yet, I'd wholeheartedly go for renting the apt. for 7 months and then buying the trailer and moving next summer. I do NOT think I could have, as a new bride, enjoyed myself, if you know what I mean, under my parents' roof or in the next room. Even as a couple with 5, 6 or 7 kids coming to visit my parents for a few days when we lived out of state, "things" were either put off till we got back home, or done in a very, very subdued sort of way that just wasn't, well, wasn't what I'd want to be doing when I was still learning, if you know what I mean.

So...if there's a cabin or something (state park in your area?) that they could rent for a few weeks, or if someone you know has a motor home or a vacation home where they could hang out for a few weeks, that would be ideal....but I'd sign a 7 month lease in a heartbeat if the alternative was
living with my parents as newlyweds!! Oh...even those "suite motels" are relatively reasonable...not much more than most apartment leases and they go week by week.

I agree with the others in that, if it's the ONLY option, y'all can make it work...but I'd do everything in my power to make other arrangements.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Lisa R. on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 20:50:36 GMT
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Michele (Queen of Cheap) wrote on Sat, 05 November 2011 09:21:
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I missed this. If you closed on the property, it is yours, and you shouldn't have to wait for the physical deed if there's just some glitch with that.

Or is there some issue with title or something? I'm not understanding the legal issues. What's going on with the deed?

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sue on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 23:49:47 GMT
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I would not have not wanted to live with my parents after marriage. DH's family ~ never. I agree with Barbara. Maybe they could find a situation where they are housesitting short term, maybe a local realtor knows of a situation where a property is being sold and they need someone to live there and look after the place.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 00:09:57 GMT
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I don't understand it all but the deed is being held while all of the foreclosure stuff is done. We also had to pay the back taxes but the county has released the lien on the property. Even though
the property was foreclosed on, the previous owners had to sign papers and one of the owners now lives in California so papers were having to go back and forth to CA.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Lisa R. on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 00:14:09 GMT
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Have you talked to an attorney or anyone who could advise you? I'm just wondering if it would be possible to either go ahead and put in the trailer or expedite the processing of the deed.

Anyway...congratulations on the upcoming wedding!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 00:21:09 GMT
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Yes, an attorney is handling all this for us. Chalk it up to bureaucratic red tape!

The best news is my oldest daughter is coming to the wedding! It is VERY hard for her husband to get off work. I will get to see my absolutely wonderful grandson :) :) :) :) :) The only bad thing is that they will arrive late on Friday and they will have to leave again early on Sunday :cry: :cry: :cry:

By the way, I have to tell you what my son-in-law does for a living! He relocates gopher turtles! :d :d In Florida, gopher turtles are VERY protected. No one can build anything until a licensed gopher turtle person comes in and checks the property for gopher turtles and then relocates them. Craig has to sign off on the property before they can do ANYTHING. Is that the coolest job or what! :d :d :d
Michele (Queen of Cheap) wrote on Sun, 06 November 2011 11:21
By the way, I have to tell you what my son-in-law does for a living! He relocates gopher turtles! :d :d

I think I'm going to need a picture of this! ;) What on earth is a gopher turtle?? I'm imagining a nocturnal creature with whiskers and with a shell that burrows underground? 8o

Ooops - no, I was wrong. I had a quick read in Wikipedia (with a pic):

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gopher_tortoise

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Micheile (Queen of Cheap) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 01:41:14 GMT
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That would be them! Craig says they have to take a backhoe to dig out the turtles but they have to be so careful. They also have to be careful because sometimes snakes will take up residence in the holes 8o

They have to gently remove them from the hole by hand (they just use the backhoe to get close) and then they put them in special cages and gingerly transport them to the relocation area. They usually relocate them to property owned by the mines (phosphate mines) that is currently not being used.

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Lisa T. on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 02:27:34 GMT
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I saw Kati & Nick tonight (we went to their house for dinner...butternut squash lasagna, Caesar salad, apple crisp...yum! :d ) so I asked them what they thought. They both agreed that figuring out a way to have their own place is best. Just so you have it from a young married couple's
Put me in the camp of thinking they need their own space for the critical phase of early marriage, in order to establish their own home, patterns, and relationship.

I haven't read all the responses, but I think they definitely need their own space! I know God has a good plan for them (any you). Praying for all of you.

It may be a moot point. Every place they have called that would work for them have already been rented.

Does anyone at church have an apartment or space they could rent?
And can you put out an all-call on every network you're part of to borrow a trailer, 5th wheel, motorhome, etc?

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sue C on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 16:16:20 GMT
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Barbara K (NC) wrote on Mon, 07 November 2011 10:32:And can you put out an all-call on every network you're part of to borrow a trailer, 5th wheel, motorhome, etc?

I really like this suggestion!!!!

~Sue

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 16:49:11 GMT
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We have announced it at church. No luck.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by ~Janice on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 16:51:14 GMT
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I've been keeping up with this thread. It's so full of wisdom. I tend to approach situations with "How would that work in our family?". My 25 yos will probably marry his 24yogf in the next year or so. If they needed to live with us temporarily (which won't be the case) then how would it work?
For us, they would have a full basement - therefore some privacy. Still, it may be awkward for gf. ?? With your home, Michele, I'm a bit concerned because you mentioned them staying in the
music room?? You showed us pictures and that's smack-dab in the middle of the family hub - the kitchen! That seems just too close for comfort. Am I wrong? In our home the kitchen could be very active early and/or late in the day, giving someone right off the kitchen no privacy at all.

JMO.

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Lisa R. on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 17:11:43 GMT
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Did you look at the weekly suite hotels? It looks like there are some in Augusta with vacancies. It's like $200/week, which is higher than apartment rent...but utilities are included, etc.

Just something to consider.

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sherry in NH on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 17:18:33 GMT
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Still brainstorming: Have they checked on craigslist? I don't know about where these things are, but there is a sub group for temporary/rentals:

http://augusta.craigslist.org/sub/

...and if they back up to Georgia, there are several other cities to look at, as well.

Just an idea.

Another idea is for them to find them housesitting temporarily. I'm not sure where you would look for that in your area. Maybe a craigslist posting?

[Note: avoid the entire almost left side of craigslist -- it's all about personals...the right side is the most helpful side.]
Are you all on any homeschool websites, loops, prayer chains, etc.? A lot of people won't hear an announcement at church. They could also call area churches to find out if someone has something.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 17:19:38 GMT
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Ha ha ha ha ha! <------- that was for Lisa! Billy IS sleeping in the music room but if need be, we will let them have Kaitlyn and Kristin's room and then bump Kristin into Kelly's room. Them sleeping together in the wide open DEFINITELY WOULDN'T WORK! ha ha ha ha

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sherry in NH on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 17:34:25 GMT
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Some more random ideas:

http://www.luxuryhousesitting.com/search-luxury-homes.php

Calling realtors in your area...a friend once found a house sitting opportunity that way.

I know that Mennonite Your Way Network and the Homeschool Travel Network (not sure of that name) both have networks of families with various places that they can offer travelers. Our friends used MYW to travel across the country. In some places, they stayed in guesthouses or free spaces/apartments or RVs. I wonder if someone in those networks might take pity on them for a couple of months.

I cannot remember the name of it but there is a network for people who want to housesit homes. (I found luxury housesitting above by trying to find it). Maybe someone else will remember --it used to have a print quarterly publication and now is completely online. Or maybe it'll come to me later. ;)

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Are there any camps or conference centers nearby? Often those run seasonally and might consider renting out a cabin for a month or two if they're in their off-season right now.

It's Caretaker Gazette...I found it listed in the comments to this article about housesitting around the world:


http://www.caretaker.org

..there was another network listed there, as well.

Good idea, Barbara -- our friends who run a Christian camp have had people stay there temporarily from time to time, in either a guest house or an RV.

OK, I have a couple of ideas:

- check cheap motels, many of them have weekly and monthly rates...it's not much but it's private
-can you do WHATEVER needs to be done for the trailer so that once the land is a 'done deal' the trailer goes up and installed that day?

-what do THEY want to do??

-yes, it is NOT optimal, but sometimes we have to work within the suboptimal situations:

  1) if they HAVE to live with you -- have time every day where the rest of the family are ALL GONE (and no one, under any circumstances, return during that time period) -- this will help to give them some privacy and not just for sex

  2a)encourage them to leave the house every day or every other day for the same period of time to give the rest of YOU your own family time as well

If this were going to be for more than couple of weeks I would say do whatever needs to be done (goodness, you live in GA...they can camp in the backyard!!!) but it really is in western culture that we give such a premium to newlywed privacy. If you all work to make it work, you can make it work (if you work at making it work, that is). ;)

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Sherry in NH on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 18:43:56 GMT
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I wonder if it's based somehow in Deuteronomy 24:5 ?

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Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by abbie on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 19:56:58 GMT
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We spent our honeymoon in an extended stay hotel. It wasn't luxurious, but it was clean and serviceable. It was basically a small apartment, complete with a small kitchen. When they found out it was our honeymoon they cut us a big discount on the room. I think we paid $35/night. If they could find something similar, they might not have to pay much more than rent would be. Plus, with housekeeping etc. it might be like an extended honeymoon. :)

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We lived in a room in my parent's house for 6 months. We weren't quite newlyweds, we'd been married for 3 years. Our room was in the converted garage, off the den, so we had some privacy. The only time I think my siblings were really bothered by what we might be doing in there was when we announced I was pregnant. I guess because that was proof we'd been, ahem, "busy". It was not ideal for anyone, (except maybe Baby Sam, who was spoiled to death by everyone! ;) ) but we managed to make it work and keep a good relationship with everyone.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by SkiGirl on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 20:56:29 GMT
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I don't know if anyone mentioned this....
Have you looked into RV rentals?

If they HAVE to stay with you....at least be kind enough to make sure their bed is silent!!! ;)

I think anything is possible especially when everyone knows that things are temporary.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Char in MO on Wed, 09 Nov 2011 02:28:55 GMT
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Hi Michele,
Just checking to see if there's an update. Praying for all of you.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Wed, 09 Nov 2011 12:38:59 GMT
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Billy has called several more places with no luck. There is a duplex in Dearing (next town over) that has a duplex for rent. He is calling on that today. The local RV place closed down about 6 months ago. Still hoping the deed will come through.
Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Char in MO on Wed, 09 Nov 2011 14:18:14 GMT
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Sorry to hear about the RV place, but God knows just what they need. Thank you for the update. Is the duplex in an area where Kaitlyn(sp) would feel comfortable?

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do?
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Wed, 09 Nov 2011 22:52:55 GMT
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bump for update!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Kelly E on Wed, 09 Nov 2011 22:56:00 GMT
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Isn't God good!!! So happy for Billy and Kaitlyn and families!!!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by K in nc on Wed, 09 Nov 2011 23:00:34 GMT
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did I miss the update?

Never mind...I saw it...YAY!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Char in MO on Thu, 10 Nov 2011 00:09:37 GMT
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Help!!!! I don't see the update, but I'm sure its good. Yay!!! I'll look for it when I get my glasses!!!!
Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Lisa R. on Thu, 10 Nov 2011 00:24:21 GMT
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So glad!!! That sounds quite reasonable to me!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Thu, 10 Nov 2011 00:36:36 GMT
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It is in the original post :) 

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Char in MO on Thu, 10 Nov 2011 02:00:59 GMT
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Wonderful! Praise the Lord! :d

Thank you Jesus!

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Barbara K (NC) on Thu, 10 Nov 2011 02:25:03 GMT
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Char in MO wrote on Wed, 09 November 2011 21:00:Wonderful! Praise the Lord! :d

Thank you Jesus!

Agreeing 1000% with Char! Hooray!
Every time I asked for prayer here on CHF, and I mean EVERY time, the prayer has been answered. The only thing I am waiting for now is the answer to my request for y'all to pray for my daughter Kelly to get a job. It will come soon :d

Woot! I was wondering about the outcome today at work...great to see a positive update!

Still praying for Kelly. (()) Are there any more possibilities? It sounds like she's really trying, unlike my ds. :?

This evening we are going to sit down and see if they have posted any new jobs at the 4 big hospitals in Augusta.
http://augusta.craigslist.org/search/?areaID=256&subArea ID=&query=medical&catAbb=jjj

Also, http://www.homejobstop.com - has medical jobs that can be done at home, I think.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Michele (Queen of Cheap) on Fri, 11 Nov 2011 13:53:12 GMT
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You can apply for jobs through Craigs List? That seems a bit odd. Why would these jobs be posted on Craigs list and not in the newspaper?

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Barbara K (NC) on Fri, 11 Nov 2011 13:55:33 GMT
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because craigslist is free?

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Lisa R. on Fri, 11 Nov 2011 14:59:34 GMT
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Barbara K (NC) wrote on Fri, 11 November 2011 08:55because craigslist is free?

and employers know that people use Craig's List and don't necessarily subscribe to newspapers?

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Bobbi on Fri, 11 Nov 2011 16:01:21 GMT
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Just my $.02 worth, I would NOT apply for jobs on Craig's List. We've had horrible problems with spam etc, after trying and most of the jobs are computer generated junk.
Right...that's what I keep saying about the economy. If you look in the newspaper, you'll think we're heading to the Depression for jobs, because there's hardly anything there.

A lot of jobs are out on the internet now...I regularly read craigslist both NH and Boston, helping film-editor ds find jobs and gigs in his field. Periodically, I look in craigslist ME, RI, VT, Albany, CT, even NYC and other parts of MA. Those aren't as active as Boston, but he does find things there once in a while. Then about quarterly, I check out specialty sites like: newenglandfilm.com, mandy.com, jobsinnh.org. And then if I had a bunch of extra time, I might go through those sites and instead of looking for post production film editor jobs, I might just search for the skills he knows, like a keyword search. Or even just google: NH film jobs or NH edit jobs.

Just tons and tons of stuff out there. It is generally free, although bigger cities like NYC may charge for some categories.

It has really hit the newspapers hard, their advertising dollars are drying up. One newspaper near us has combined Friday/Saturday editions, and another is quite small some days.

But if you or she are willing to do some digging, you may find something really interesting.

However, I have to say: avoid the left side of craigslist, it's generally men seeking women type stuff. I look in specific categories for ds on the right side. For him, it's: film/tv/radio jobs, creative, event, talent, and crew gigs, and then part-time and etc. For my dd, it'd be medical, part-time, etc. because she's thinking about nursing and is in school and needs flexibility.

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Yes, to Craig’s list being free and more used by perspective employees. Why would a company spend money on a newspaper ad when most people don't read newspapers anymore?

If you are job hunting, you should have an email address completely devoted to that. So, if you get spam, it won't be as big of a deal. After all, once you have a job, you won't be using that
address anymore. It is a good idea to use your name in the address and keep it simple.

Subject: Re: I need some serious advice, what would you do? UPDATE!
Posted by Sherry in NH on Fri, 11 Nov 2011 18:24:50 GMT
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You don't even usually supply your email address when you reply to a craigslist...it's an in-house system, to start with. You decide if you email them or not.