

conquer the unknown

One evening after facing *yet another* defeat, Matthew revealed a seemingly obvious strategy for Settlers of Catan. By ensuring he can hire knights early on, Matthew is always **prepared** for the barbarian invasion. Chris and I were not!

Matthew Campbell works in Human Resources. He **brought me on board** and oversees the project I have been working on these **last eight months**.

Anyone considering ministry faces the **uncharted territory** of raising financial support. A summer project proved to be a good step in **preparation** for long-term ministry work.

April was a wonderfully encouraging month. Such a joy to greet old friends and watch God bring it all together. Thanks to many generous souls, my salary was covered with **"12 baskets left over."** In May, I made the move to Langley to begin work with HR.

Students applying for overseas projects could already do so online. *Perhaps* Human Resources could adopt this system for their needs.

Andrew Roth joined me at headquarters for one month, **explaining** the inner workings of what he had built and showing me some of the newer features of the **ever-changing** Ruby on Rails landscape.



help from the south

His name was Lance Leonard; a freelancer assigned to a similar project in the United States.

We quickly agreed to work together. Lance brought **fresh perspective** to the project, and it was good to have a developer to bounce ideas off.

After laying the foundations, Lance developed a really easy-to-use interface for Human Resources (or anyone else) to build online forms.

But as time progressed, we needed to go our separate ways because we had differing requirements.

experiment gone long

In September my **"try-out"** came to an end, but the project was far from finished! Thankfully the IT department took me under their wing, providing a salary to continue my work for another six months.

the launch

Near the same time, the Canadian arm of Campus Crusade for Christ made official a **new name**.



The nickname for my project is **boat**, an acronym for **Online Application Tool**. On December 5th, **boat** was christened with a prayer and launched into **the great wide open** of the Internet.

Applications began to stream in, leaving me in enhancement and maintenance mode for the remaining three months. What April will bring is unknown to me, I'm **not quite settled yet**.

prayer & praise

- For **everyone** who has brought me thus far.
- For **friends** who have blessed and encouraged me.
- To **prepare** for what God has next for me.
- To look to God as **my everything** and trust Him fully.