

Hi Everyone!!!!!!

It's true, you better believe it! I'M ENGAGED!!!! To my lovely awesome Jason Price!!!!!!

He asked me on Saturday morning, when I was totally not expecting it! But he did a pretty good job setting me up for it! Ha ha, so this is how the story goes....

I was invited on Friday by Erica to pull into a her house for a breakfast vibe with the new Scripture Union staff this year, and in general just to catch up, and then go flying in her husbands small four seater plane around Oribi Gorge, which is one of my favourite things to do ever!

I told Jason that we had been invited, so we agreed to go and join them in the morning around 9.30. On Saturday morning though, the weather wasn't looking good and there were patches of rain which would have meant bailing the flying trip, which I didn't mind too much. So we went up to Erica and Sid's house anyway, and was told that the Scripture Union group didn't come as they were uncertain of flying in the weather, so were leaving it for another day. Erica however, pointed us towards Sid's hanger where the plane is kept and told us to ask him if we could go up anyway.

Sid was looking at the weather, and after filling up with petrol and doing all the checks, he agreed to take us up for a short spin which I was thankful for, but weary of the weather situation. So we jumped in and set off, with Sid keeping an eye on the runway in case the rain cut us off from it, which would have been bad as lack of visibility could have meant that we may not have been able to land!!!

We span around the gorge, which was absolutely stunning with clouds overhanging parts of the hills etc, I was loving it!

Sid told us we needed to land, so he headed to the runway, and at that point he said, 'hey Jess, do you recognise the runway we are about to land on??' I was a bit confused, and in my head I was like, well er sure it's yours, and that is when I looked down onto the runway, where in big white letters I read....

WILL YOU MARRY ME JESS?

I read it out loud, and suddenly clicked that it was Jason asking me to marry him! I turned to look at him, and he had a box open with a gorgeous ring inside and asked me, 'Will you marry me?' So.....I started hyperventilating and was in total shock! Ha ha, not literally hyperventilating, but nearly!!! So I said yes of course I will!!!!!! And he put the ring on my finger while I was half crying and laughing at once! I can't even remember landing, we were both so stoked and it was defiantly one of the happiest moments of my life, which I would love to replay over again!

We got out of the plane, where I saw about 10 of our friends who had been in on the set up, playing the part of putting down the lime on the runway to spell out the proposal on behalf of Jason. They were all clapping and taking photos of us. We got out and all had some champagne and a toast. Jason and I then had breakfast which had been set up for us in the aeroplane hanger. So we are both very happy! Jason had planned it totally behind my back with arranging for Erica to invite me, getting friends to write the words out on the runway, getting this amazing ring which I am very proud of him for, as I absolutely love the style of it. He also phoned up my family a few weeks before and asked their permission etc! (What a good boy!!)

We are planning the wedding to be at the end of the year probably late November, but we will be confirming the actual date soon! We will be having the wedding ceremony in South Africa with all our Neutral friends here, and come to the UK soon after to have a blessing ceremony over there. So around 9 months people! Ahhhhh!!!

I'm still waiting for the reality of it all to drop into my head! It seems so surreal that I have come to this stage of my life already! I am so grateful to have my Jason and feel so blessed and special that he has chosen me, and I'm looking forward to the future fun we will have together and excitement of planning our wedding!

All my love to you all!!!!

God Bless,

Jess xxx