

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ~Matthew 6:33

A Special GFA Wedding

There was much joy and celebration on campus the day of Sunday, July 16th - the day when Shawn Psarris and Emily Beers were joined in marriage. They have both been part of our core set of friends that we engage with on a regular basis, and it was exciting to see them come together as husband and wife.

Emily's family came to GFA before she was born, and after she graduated high school she recognized that God was also calling her to join staff. Shawn

first came to GFA as a School of Discipleship student. During that year Rob was his house mentor, and after Shawn came on staff the two of them lived together again for a couple years. He has been an important part of Rob's life as a friend, a fellow prayer moderator, and in many other ways. You may remember from one of our past newsletters that Shawn was Rob's best man in our wedding. Through their love for life and for people, both

Shawn and Emily bring joy to the GFA staff.

We had the privilege of participating in their wedding in multiple ways. Rob was one of the groomsmen, Rebecca co-led the wedding reception food team, and together we hosted Shawn's parents at our house. All of these activities made for a very full weekend, but it was such a blessing to be part of their story.



God's work is like a wristwatch: some of the cogs are tiny, but every screw and cog is essential to make it work. And that's how God uses the Body of Christ.

~Brother K.P.

All hands on deck: StudioEnterprise upgrade

One of the benefits to both of us serving in IT is that we often end up getting to work together on the same projects. Right now the major priority in our department is upgrading StudioEnterprise (our donor database software). This project lasts about two months and heavily involves both of us. Rob is the one coordinating the project, which he has done for the past

several upgrades. Rebecca's part is to coordinate the user testing, keeping track of which items remain to be checked and following up on ones that didn't pass testing.

Rob enjoys the challenge of keeping all the details of the upgrade going, even though sometimes he does feel overwhelmed at the enormity of project. During the intense season of working on the

upgrade, it's helpful for us to remember that the purpose of the project is to benefit of GFA staff - many of whom use SE on a daily basis. The newer version has bug fixes and enhancements, which enable the staff to do their jobs more effectively. This upgrade is also an essential step that sets up to make some important software transitions over the next 12 months.

We definitely appreciate your prayers for us as we continue forward in the project. The Lord has already answered some very specific, time-sensitive needs concerning the upgrade, and we trust that He will continue to help us through to completion! We're praying to have a successful go-live date by the end of August.

The Value of One Life

It's staggering to think about the millions of people in Asia who haven't yet heard the good news of Christ. But perhaps even more amazing is to realize that God knows each one of those individuals by name - He created them, loves them, and provided a way for them to be redeemed.

We can see this in the life of Khine Tun, a man who turned from following his own way to follow Jesus. A GFA-supported pastor named Myo Zaw traveled more than two hours by boat to get to Khine Tun's village. After hearing the pastor's message Khine Tun shared, "I was so touched [to find out] that God was

searching for lost men, and I am that lost man. He searched for me and found me. I am really happy there is a God who cares for me, who loves me and my family."

Pastor Myo Zaw continues to visit the village, teaching Khine Tun and others about trusting the Lord. With little income and five children, it is challenging for Khine Tun to provide for his family, but he is learning to depend on the Lord to provide for them. His greatest joy is the hope he carries with him of his heavenly home, which enables him to say, "I am happy every day of my life."



After years of enduring difficulties to share the love that burns in his heart, Pastor Myo Zaw has had the joy of seeing 350 people's lives changed by that love. We praise the Lord for so many faithful pastors who are willing to go the extra mile to see one life changed! Their joy also abounds as they see God working powerfully in many lives - one life at a time.

"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
Luke 15:10

Read the full report, as well as other articles, in the online version of our GFA World magazine:

<https://www.gfa.org/gfa-world/2017/march-departments/#pro-0317>

Serving at Recent Events



Helping out with VBS at our church

Participating in a 5K "Supply Run" hosted on campus, to raise school supply funds for Wills Point students



Talking to people about GFA at a local music festival

In Christ,

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Rob and Rebecca Gaebler, Gospel for Asia (July 2017)

Praises

- **Praise** God for answering specific prayers for the StudioEnterprise upgrade project!
- **Praise** the Lord for uniting Shawn and Emily together in marriage, and for how their lives bring Him glory!
- **Praise** God that He is changing lives in Asia through His great love!
- **Praise** the Lord for continued opportunities we have to serve in the Wills Point and surrounding communities!

Prayers

- **Pray** for Rob as he coordinates the SE upgrade project: for wisdom and energy
- **Pray** specifically that we would be able to go live with the new version of SE by the end of August
- **Pray** for discernment as we juggle many tasks and projects simultaneously
- **Pray** that the Lord would continue to provide for Khine Tun's family, especially for the education of his children
- **Pray** He would keep our hearts focused on Him and His goodness, even through this very busy season



Thank you for your prayers

"...be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Eph. 6:18)