

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

God answers prayer!

Thank you all so much for praying for our most recent StudioEnterprise (SE) upgrade project. By God's grace, we were able to complete it in record time and with record smoothness! Our previous upgrades have taken 3+ months, but this time it only took about 2 months to progress from the start of the project to go-live.

That was one specific answer to prayer. When we kicked off the project at the beginning of July, Rob began to pray that we could go live with the new version of SE by the end of August. God answered that prayer: our go-live date was Monday, August 28.

Throughout the project we did run into various problems, some with the potential to seriously delay the project. Each time an issue came up we would pray for the Lord to provide a solution, and He did. Whether it was needing to get documentation from DonorDirect, working out bug fixes, or creating alternative solutions for features that were getting phased out, He was faithful to answer each one of those prayers.

Even though you didn't know the specific needs we had throughout the project, the fact that you were praying for us truly made a difference! We

are grateful for your partnership with us - because of your prayers and financial support, we are able to be here serving full-time at GFA, and together we are making an eternal difference in many lives across Asia.

Now Rob is working on updating our documentation before officially closing the SE upgrade project. That is part of the normal process, though we don't count it in the main thrust of completing the upgrade. Rebecca is staying busy

completing various requests that come into our queue on a daily basis, as well as actively training a new person on Helpdesk duties. When the School of Discipleship year 2 students arrived in July, one of them was assigned to serve for a few months in IT. Laura is picking up Helpdesk responsibilities very quickly, and she is also providing tremendous help in organizing and labeling various IT inventory we have accumulated over time.



Solar eclipse crowd



An intense group foosball game at the School of Discipleship Class Kick-off



Helpdesk 101!

Yes, we are safe...

After hurricane Harvey hit Houston a few weeks ago, wreaking tremendous damage, some of you have asked us if we are safe from the effects of the storm. The answer is yes - we are about 250 miles from Houston (3.5+ hours drive), and the only weather change we have experienced is a series of surprisingly cool and refreshing temperatures.

But we are grateful for your concern. Scores of families in south Texas are dealing with tremendous loss, and the rebuilding will take years. Many of the GFA staff (including Rebecca) have friends or family who were affected, and we have been praying regularly for God's mercy upon the damaged areas. Some staff members have been able to go down and help with the relief efforts.

Building to the glory of God

On a scale of one to ten, how likely would it be for you to attend church on Sunday morning if you weren't sure where your congregation was going to meet? Or if there was the possibility that you would arrive and find no room for you and your family? What if you knew that the landlord of the rented facility where your church meets isn't the most keen on having such a large group gathering there on a weekly basis?

This is the situation many of our brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia face on a weekly basis. Because of this, one of the major needs we have on the field right now is for the construction of church buildings.

For example, one church in Nepal prayed for 8 years to have a church building where they could meet on a regular basis without harassment from landlords. God answered those prayers, and in 2012 they were able to complete the construction of a beautiful building for their church activities. But then during the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal in 2015, that building was completely ruined and they were back to where they had been before. Again, the congregation began to pray, and again the Lord provided, this time through the generosity of a couple in Canada. The church was able to construct a new building where they meet regularly for worship, and they are so grateful both to God and to the body of Christ for making their prayers become reality.



One of the GFA photojournalists documented this account of God's faithfulness - check out the video at the link below to see real footage of God's grace upon this congregation!

Watch the video and learn more about church buildings at:

<https://www.gfa.org/ministries/church-buildings-in-asia/>

Another way we have seen God answering prayer recently is through a number of people applying to join staff here at GFA. One young lady in particular, named Grace, has a background of working in IT. We are excited and pray regularly for the Lord to raise her full support so she can come here and begin serving in the office! Please join us in prayer, that He would quickly raise her support team, and that she would be able to move to Texas before the end of October.

Love in Christ,

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

Praises

- **Praise** God for a successful upgrade to StudioEnterprise version 9.0, and for so many specific answers to prayer along the way!
- **Praise** the Lord for calling more people to join staff at GFA!
- **Praise** God for bringing Laura to serve in IT and for the tremendous help she continues to be for the department!
- **Praise** the Lord for His provision for church buildings in Asia!

Prayers

- **Pray** for continued wisdom in our projects, and for discernment in how to balance our time with so many issues to work on
- **Pray** that God would quickly build Grace's support team and that she could be here on staff before the end of October
- **Pray** for favor in constructing church buildings in Asia, and for many more resources to be given to provide for this need
- **Pray** for the people and areas affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma



Thank you for your prayers

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