

Rob and Rebecca Gaebler - serving at Gospel for Asia

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

New IT Staff!

Praise the Lord with us - as of January 24th, we now have another full-time staff member in the IT department! This is a major answer to prayer. Grace will be working on the Systems side of IT, so not directly with either of us, but we are excited that she has joined the team and that she will be helping work through the many requests that come in from the staff members here. We got to help her unload her moving trailer at her new home the Saturday before her first day in the office, and then also enjoyed a fellowship meal with her and her parents the next day. She has a lot to learn, but she does have an IT background so at least it won't be completely new territory.



Welcome Grace, the newest IT staff member!

Other Office News

Over the last few months we have received multiple requests for reports, as our development team is working on building fruitful ways of interacting with donors, sponsors, and friends of the ministry. Jonathan (our IT coordinator) is the main one who has been creating these reports, but we want to develop a better reporting framework so that we can respond to these requests more quickly and accurately and also be equipped to develop

more powerful and complex reports.

Building a reporting framework involves several steps. One major step has been to build a datamart – taking all the “raw” data we have stored in the database and organizing it so that it’s faster to get the information we need. We have gotten the datamart built, and now Rob and LaMott are working on creating validations to make sure the data there is accurate. Another requirement is to put together a report building template. Completing a report is a multi-step process, and those steps are done by different individuals on the team. We’re going to create a template in Indigo for each of these steps, which will streamline the process of getting the report done from start to finish. Finally, we need a way to publish these reports. Our current method of providing reports to the people who need them is not very user-friendly, so Rebecca is going to research some other options that are available to us.

It might be hard to tell from this summary of the steps we’re taking to build the reporting framework, but this is a very large project that will probably take us at least a couple of months to complete.

Upcoming Surgery

Thank you for praying for wisdom concerning Rob’s knee, that still hasn’t healed since he injured it last June playing kickball. An MRI scan revealed that he tore his ACL, which is a major ligament in the knee - unless he has reconstructive surgery done, he probably won’t be able to participate in sports anymore. His surgery is scheduled for March 8th. We greatly appreciate your prayers that the Lord would give Rob His peace concerning this surgery, and that the surgery and recovery would be smooth and uneventful.

Church activities



Above: For the first monthly prayer meeting at our church, Rebecca led the time of worship along with our regular pianist

Right: One of the prayer groups during the evening



We hosted the couples from our Sunday School class at our house for an evening of fellowship and supper. Through some pre-selected "ice-breaker" questions, we all got to know each other a little better.

A Wife's Hatred, a Savior's Love

Here in America, as a general rule, we have tremendous freedom to follow Christ. We can assemble at church on Sundays in peace and host gatherings of believers in our homes. For many of our brothers and sisters in Asia, this is not the case, as we learn about from Dheerendra's life. When he decided to follow the Lord, his wife verbally abused him for a long season and then eventually left him all together. Other members of his family harassed him and did everything they could to make his life miserable. By God's grace, Dheerendra continued to trust the Lord. "Whatever may be the situation," he said, "I will follow my Lord all through my life."



It's difficult for us to understand why Christians go through suffering like this, but ultimately we know that God is using even hard situations to bear fruit in the lives of His children and to bring glory to His name. Christ set the example for us in His coming to earth to suffer and die, that we might obtain salvation, and there is no suffering we can experience that would even come close to matching His!

Please be praying for Dheerendra and others like him, who are faithfully walking with the Lord despite the struggles they face. You can read his story (and other reports from the mission field) by visiting the following link:

<https://www.gfa.org/gfa-world/2017/november-departments/#prfo-1117>

In Christ,

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Praises

- **Praise** God for bringing Grace to join us in the IT department!
- **Praise** the Lord for Jonathan and LaMott, and their tremendous wisdom and knowledge concerning IT projects!
- **Praise** God for guiding the first monthly prayer meeting at our church!
- **Praise** the Lord for believers around the world, faithfully serving Him!

Prayers

- **Pray** for Grace as she continues to settle into her new life and role at GFA
- **Pray** for us as we work on the reporting framework project - both of us feel like it's over our head at times
- **Pray** for Rob's knee surgery on March 8th, for no complications and that he will stay in God's peace during and after the surgery
- **Pray** for Dheerendra and believers like him, who are facing much trial and suffering because of their choice to follow Christ



Thank you for your prayers

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