

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

Meet Jonathan Loghry

An interview with our department coordinator



Jonathan and Erica Loghry with their four girls

Q: How long have you been on staff with GFA?

A: Three years.

Q: What were you doing before you came to GFA?

A: I worked at a large computer database company, where I had been for 17 years. We also hosted a church in our house, of which I was the primary teaching elder.

Q: What has it been like for your family to be part of the GFA community?

A: Long before we came to GFA, God had impressed on us that it was important that we serve God as a family. Coming here has allowed our family to serve together at a whole different level - it is not only once a week that we share a ministry, but every day of the week. My daughters have really grown in maturity as they have been given training and responsibility in various volunteer roles in the ministry. They love to serve here, and are fully invested in the mission God has given us as a family.

Q: What is your role at GFA?

A: I currently have multiple roles. My primary role is that of "IT Coordinator," which is basically the leader of the IT department. I also handle Network Administration, serve as Business Analyst, and share System and Database Administration with others on the team.

Q: How have you seen God answer prayer?

A: God has answered many prayers for help with practical things in the IT department. For instance, just last week half of our servers went down due to a bad update, and we were able to get them all functioning again before there was really much impact to the staff.

Q: What things have you done with Rob and Rebecca?

A: It has been a joy to watch God develop Rob and Rebecca's relationship, courtship, and now marriage. I have four daughters, two of them teenagers, and I am extremely grateful for how Rob and Rebecca have modeled how to obtain a spouse in a godly fashion. Of course I have been

involved in many IT projects with Rob and Rebecca over the last few years, and been continually encouraged by their hard work, skill, and beautiful attitude toward work. Having many interactions with Rob and Rebecca in our times of prayer and worship has challenged me to devote myself more to these key aspects of walking with the Lord.

Q: Is there anything that God has spoken to you that you are holding on to?

A: Before coming to GFA, I knew that I needed to have a rock-solid conviction from God that serving at GFA was His direction for my life. Over several months, through scripture and prayer and seeking godly counsel, God convinced everyone but me that this was His direction. Finally, I committed to fast and pray every Friday for several weeks, and asked God to clearly show me His will. One Friday morning while studying in Romans, God spoke to me through Romans 10:13-15: "... And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?" As I read that passage, God stopped everything and quietly spoke to me: "You send them." I have held on to that through some pretty hard times since then, but God has not changed His direction, and therefore neither have we.

We have really been blessed by Jonathan and his family in numerous ways, and count it a privilege to work under him in the office.

Successful surgery

Thank you so much for praying for Rob and the knee surgery he had in early March. The Lord answered so many prayers before, during, and after the procedure. His peace guarded both of us, which was especially important for Rob. The surgery only took about an hour, and we were able to head home later that afternoon. Rob will have to wear a knee brace for several weeks to protect the ACL ligament while it heals. Rob's recovery is going great, and he's walking around with the knee brace. He's doing an hour a day of knee exercises while listening to lots of audiobooks. Full recovery should take about six months.

Left: At home, a few hours after the surgery

Right: It is possible to play Rummikub in bed...



Clean Water and the Love of God

Here's a question for you to consider: on average, how many times a day do you walk up to a sink and turn on the faucet? Have you ever considered what you would do if you turned the faucet, and nothing came out? Or what about if you woke up one day to discover that the only place you could get water was from the pond 2 miles from your house? Finding water that will not cause death in the family is a challenge many people in Asia face. Women and children are forced to walk hours a day to distant water sources, such as filthy ponds or lakes, and even then the water may be contaminated. Sometimes they know this will bring death and sickness to their families, but they have no other choice. Take a look at these facts about the country of India alone:



"Our family is blessed both physically and spiritually. We are free from problems and sickness. We also met the Living God in due time. It is because of the people who have spent their money to drill a Jesus Well in my place. I have never seen them, but I'm always praying for them. Thank you very much."

- Salil, villager in Asia

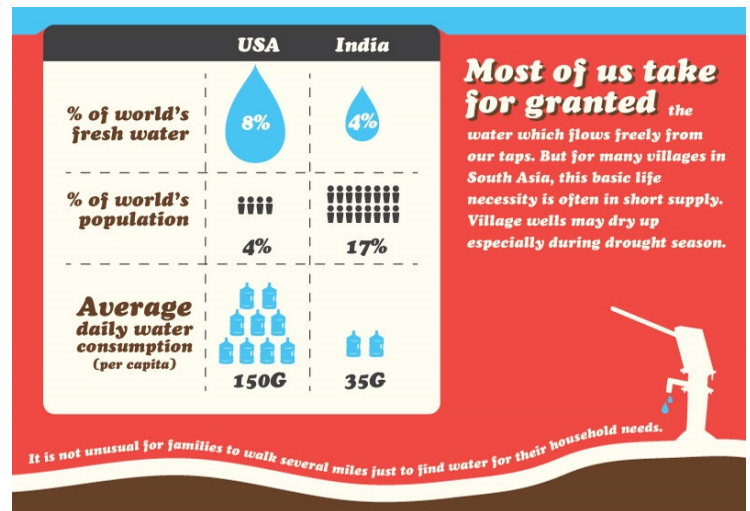
Worldwide, there are an estimated 663 million people who don't have access to safe water. That's about 1 in every 10 people. Another shocking reality is that 502,000 deaths every year are caused by diseases transmitted by

contaminated water such as diarrhea, cholera, dysentery, typhoid, and polio.

But praise the Lord, He has given GFA the opportunity to minister to thousands of people by providing access to clean water with Jesus Wells and BioSand Water Filters. Over the past three years, we've been able to drill 18,500 wells in some of the neediest regions of Asia. We recently published an amazing video about the impact a Jesus Well is making on just one village - we highly recommend that you take the time to watch it!

You can access it from this link: <https://youtu.be/oFRtvOYiPL4?list=PLZdOlqv0VbP0PaRu4u938eghECuPj6Wfb> or go to www.gfa.org/water.

Information from the World Health Organization and www.gfa.org/water



Weekend travels

At the end of February, we took a weekend trip up to Arkansas to visit Rebecca's grandparents. We joined them for a rousing game of water volleyball with other residents of the assisted living facility where they live.



Granddaddy (left) and Rob (center) in full action

They also treated us to lunch one day at a local favorite, the Star of India restaurant. But the best part of the trip was the time we got to sit with them in their living room, hearing testimonies of how God worked in and through them over the many years they served in ministry.



The following weekend we went with a friend to the monthly "First Monday" flea market in Canton, Texas, to do evangelism. We were able to have conversations with several people, and handed out some Gospel tracts.



Mark and Rob in conversation with some shoppers

Because He lives,

Rob and Rebecca

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Praises

- **Praise** God for Jonathan Loghry and the leadership he provides for the IT department!
- **Praise** the Lord for Rob's successful knee surgery and good, steady recovery so far!
- **Praise** God for how He is working through GFA to provide clean, accessible water sources in thousands of villages across Asia!
- **Praise** the Lord for opportunities to share the Gospel with people in our own community!

Prayers

- **Pray** for the Lord to continue to guide Jonathan with wisdom and insight as he leads the work in IT
- **Pray** for complete healing for Rob's knee, that he would soon have full functionality again
- **Pray** for open doors to minister the love of Christ to thousands of people through providing access to clean water
- **Pray** that many people would respond to the communications we've sent out about the critical need for access to clean water in Asia - both in giving and in praying



Thank you for your prayers

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