

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*

## The Current Big Project

We have several projects going on in the IT department right now, but there is one Big Project that has been consuming most of Rob's time. Lord willing, in late June, GFA is going to launch a new program: Mission Support Team. The purpose is to enable people to sponsor "Behind-the-Scenes Missionaries" (i.e., us!) just like we have sponsorships for national workers and Bridge of Hope children. People will be able to visit GFA's web site and pick out a staff member to sponsor, or call our office to sponsor. Each family on staff is still responsible to raise financial support for serving here, but now GFA will help raise a portion of each person's support team.

Since this is a new program, it has required a lot of time and thought to plan and build it well. There are multitudes of moving parts and pieces, and almost every department is involved to some extent. HR has to communicate with the staff about what we need to provide; Writers will be creating the verbiage to explain the program; Web and IT are doing a lot of back-end work to support a new type of sponsorship and to be able to list the staff members' profiles for sponsorship online.

Rob was appointed as the project coordinator, which is why he's been so busy. In one week, he was in meetings three hours a day for this project. Rob has been working hard to organize the project, define tasks, help everyone on the project team keep moving forward, and keep track of the status of everything.

Rebecca has some small responsibilities in the project as well. She is on the team that is photographing staff members for their sponsorship profiles, and is enjoying learning more about taking

portraits. She will also help with testing some of the pieces that need to get changed in the database.

## School of Discipleship

We've written a few times in the past about GFA's School of Discipleship - the program we have here for young single people to come give of year of their lives in serving the Lord and growing in their knowledge of Him. Rob first came to GFA as a School of Discipleship (SD) student in 2005. This year had a profound impact on his life. After he joined staff he continued to invest time and energy into later classes of students, as he had the opportunity to be a house mentor for 2.5 years.

Although Rebecca didn't attend SD, she has still been blessed by interaction with several students on different levels. She's gotten to train some of them on Helpdesk duties, but more than that she's enjoyed getting to know them as individuals through time spent together.

The deadline to sign up for the August 2018 class is coming soon, on June 15th. We're enclosing a brochure about the program with this newsletter. Please pass it along to any young person you know who is desiring to walk closer with Christ, or let them know about the website:

[www.gfa.org/MoreChrist](http://www.gfa.org/MoreChrist)

"Jesus has radically changed my life by bringing me to GFA, and I don't know if I can properly express my gratitude for the foundation that's been laid because of my time in School of Discipleship."

- Joshua



*SD students join GFA staff at all our prayer meetings*

## Life-changing Doctor Visits

Between the two of us, we've been to see a doctor more often this year than we were anticipating. Sometimes it's been a little frustrating when we don't get answers right away, but remembering how privileged we are to live in a first-world country helps get our thoughts back in perspective. For the majority of people in Asia, going to a doctor isn't an option - either because there isn't a facility near to where they live, or because they simply can't afford treatment. GFA is responding to this need by hosting free medical camps in the countries where we work. At these camps people come and get free checkups, medicine, vitamins, and also learn basic health and hygiene principles. In addition to the physical help the attendees receive, they also get to hear about God's love for them. What a blessing that we are able to help people with not only their physical needs, but also their spiritual needs!



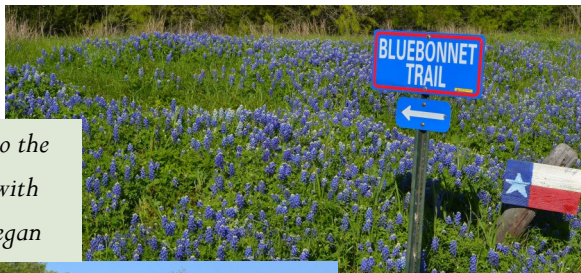
Raizel

One widow, named Raizel, is just one of many who expressed gratitude for having the opportunity to attend a GFA medical camp. She struggled to provide for her three daughters, as her husband was gone and the only work she could do was serving as a domestic servant. Her work was hard, and to make matters worse she struggled daily with dizziness and eyesight problems. "Due to my tight work [schedule] and insufficient money, I could not go for medical checkups in a hospital," she shared. "But my daughters told me about the free medical camp and asked me to come for a checkup. Thus, I could get [an eye exam] and get an eyedrop for my eyes and vitamin tablets for my weakness in the body. Thank you very much for helping me to get this aid."

To read more about GFA's medical camps, visit:

<https://www.gfa.org/news/articles/life-changing-doctor-visits-wfr18-04/>

*Our fourth annual visit to the Ennis bluebonnet fields, with friends Savannah and Megan*



*Narnia-themed birthday party for Megan (Rebecca's former roommate); Rebecca dressed up as a dryad*

In Christ's love,

*Rob and Rebecca*

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Praises

- **Praise** God for sustaining and providing for us in this very busy season at GFA!
- **Praise** the Lord for hundreds of young people whose lives have been changed through attending School of Discipleship!
- **Praise** God for thousands of people in Asia who have been able to attend GFA's medical camps!
- **Praise** the Lord that many are giving their lives to Christ after receiving help for their physical needs!

Prayers

- **Pray** for the Mission Support Team project, especially all the writing and back-end IT and Web work
- **Pray** that the Lord will lead many people to partner with us through supporting GFA staff members
- **Pray** for GFA's medical camps: for qualified doctors, provision of resources, open doors in needy communities, and changed lives!
- **Pray** for 10 more people to apply for and come to the August 2018 School of Discipleship class
- **Pray** for answers concerning Rebecca's continued digestion problems



*Thank you for your prayers*

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