

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

“Down Under” Migration

A key word for our team at the office and even in the Gaebler home over the past several weeks has been “Australia.” We aren’t planning a trip to the southern hemisphere, though Rebecca would be more than happy to accept that assignment! Our focus on Australia relates to the major, fast-paced project Rob is coordinating to migrate the Australian database into the software we use here in the United States (StudioEnterprise), which includes moving their website to our international web platform.

You may ask, “What does Australia have to do with your office in Wills Point, anyway?” Good question. Gospel for Asia has several international support offices around the world that function much like the one here in Texas, though on a smaller basis. We have offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, Finland, Germany, South Africa, South Korea, New Zealand, and Australia. Each of these offices communicates with sponsors, donors, potential donors, and prayer partners in those countries (and often the surrounding countries) by sharing information from the mission field and inviting individuals and churches to be part of the Great Commission by praying for and supporting national workers in Asia.

So even though Australia is half-way around the world from us, we have a connection with the staff there by the common calling the Lord has given us to take the love of Christ to Asia. Here recently we’ve been even *more* connected to the Australian staff as we work on migrating their database.

Rob, Jonathan, LaMott, and our web developer in Canada (named Greg) have spent hundreds of hours working through requirements, understanding workflows, coding, data mapping, testing... all the usual suspects when it comes to moving data. Rebecca has been more involved in this migration than previous data projects Rob coordinated, as she’s helped with some of the system set-up, testing (of course), and anything else Rob manages to delegate to her.

Our current goal is to go live on April 23rd. We have been pushing aggressively to get this project done as quickly as possible because Australia’s current database software is falling apart as they use it. They are much in need of a stable, reliable system for keeping up with the needs of the ministry. Another benefit they will gain from being on the same software as the U.S. is that we will be able to assist them with ongoing maintenance and support.

Common Sunday evening activities:
theology study and practice for prayer meeting



Recent and Current Events in India

Over the past months we as a staff body have been praying for two major events in India: Kumbh Mela and the Indian general election. We'd like to share about these events with you so that you can join us in praying!

Kumbh Mela From January 15 to March 4, more than 120 million people made a pilgrimage to the Ganges River in Prayagraj, India, to "wash away their sins." The river has long been revered as a holy goddess. Every few years, Kumbh Melas (religious festivals) are held at different holy sites in North India. Millions upon millions of religious devotees performed sacred rituals within the river in order to find spiritual cleansing.

According to the Kumbh Mela website, "Kumbh Mela [is] a congregation of millions, gathered together to be freed from the vicious earthly cycle of life and death and move towards a heavenly realm, which knows no suffering or pain. [...] 'An eternal life free of sins' is the promise that comes attached with the magnificent event of Kumbh Mela."

But we know that only the Living Water can cleanse; only the blood of Jesus Christ can free us of our sins. GFA-supported workers were ministering to those coming to and leaving the festival. Please pray that many who attended the festival will come to realize the true source of cleansing and freedom in Christ.



Elections The Indian general election is scheduled to be held in seven phases from April 11 to May 19. The last time India had a general election was 5 years ago in 2014, and with 900 million people eligible to vote this year it will be the largest-ever election in the world (*source: www.news18.com*). Because India operates under a parliamentary system of government, the voters will be electing representatives and then those representatives will select a prime minister.

That is a very high-level view of this massive event. Indian politics directly influence what happens in several of the neighboring countries, so millions of people - including many of our brothers and sisters in Christ - will be affected by the outcome. Pray that throughout the elections there won't be violence and excessive fraud, and also pray for God to appoint leaders who will govern with wisdom, discernment, and integrity.

Riches in Romans

Our Scripture memory group is currently memorizing Romans 5-8, and we recently finished chapter 5. It was a challenging portion to commit to memory, but it has so many powerful truths pertaining to the justification we have through the blood of Christ!

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life (Romans 5:9-10).

With grateful hearts,

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Praises

- **Praise** God for each of the GFA international support offices, and for how He has called us to serve together to bring the good news of Christ to Asia!
- **Praise** the Lord for a great team working together on the Australian database migration project, in this office and in Australia!
- **Praise** God for the riches of His Word, and for the free gift of righteousness through Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17)!
- **Praise** the Lord for recent opportunities to visit with family and friends!

Prayers

- **Pray** for a successful migration of the Australian database into StudioEnterprise (go-live date is planned for April 23rd)
- **Pray** for much grace, strength, wisdom, and clarity of mind for Rob as he coordinates the migration project
- **Pray** for the millions of people who attended Kumbh Mela earlier this year, that they would find forgiveness and cleansing in Christ
- **Pray** for the general election in India (April 11-May 19), that the Lord would appoint leaders who will govern the nation with wisdom, discernment, and integrity



Thank you for your prayers

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