

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

We are thankful for another opportunity to share with you about the work He is doing here at GFA! Your prayers and support are part of this work, as we partner together in the Gospel.

Australia Migration - Success!

In particular, thank you so much for your prayers as we worked through Phase 1 of the Australia database migration project. By God's grace we were able to go live on Tuesday, April 23rd, even though only 24 hours before that time we still weren't sure it would work out. He amazingly brought together some key financial pieces more quickly than we were anticipating, so that by Monday evening we officially had the green light to move forward with the migration on Tuesday morning.

Recent Events...

The month of April in Texas brings with it the wonderful season of bluebonnets. :) We spent one Sunday afternoon enjoying our 5th annual bluebonnet date, exploring the back roads of Ennis, Texas. This year there weren't nearly as many flowers as we have seen in past years, though. Our little bluebonnet patch on campus had more flowers than some of the fields in Ennis!



Campus bluebonnets

Also in April, we as the staff body engaged in a day of fasting and prayer. In light of some of the challenges we're facing in



Praying for the nations

the US and on the field, our leaders saw the need to gather in concerted prayer as we continue to trust ourselves to the Lord and seek His wisdom and direction.

... and Upcoming Travels

We have the privilege to travel internationally this year, to the United Kingdom! First we will spend a week serving at the GFA-UK office. After that we'll vacation for a couple of weeks, taking a weekend in London and then visiting two of Rebecca's sisters who live in the UK with their families.

Humility Needed

(By Rob) Please pray for me. The essence of Christlikeness is servant-like humility, and I am disturbed to see how often my pride comes out. One area of particular concern recently is meetings. I often get impatient and critical with others and their ideas. I think my own opinions are the most important and I want to get my way. I am quick to speak and slow to listen. I lack grace. As I go into meetings now, I am setting my mind on these principles: (1) I am a servant of the servants of God. (2) Agree. (3) Quick to listen, slow to speak.

Celebrating 40 Years of God's Faithfulness!

July 3, 2019, marks Gospel for Asia's 40 year anniversary of serving to proclaim the love and life-transforming power of Christ to precious souls across Asia. When K.P. Yohannan founded GFA as a missions organization dedicated to supporting national workers, he had no idea how much God would grow and expand the work. Through the years we have seen struggles and victories, set-backs and breakthroughs, challenges and open doors. God has been faithful each step of the way to work miracles, give wisdom, inspire new ideas for ministry, and provide for all our needs. As we are spending this year reflecting on all He has done in and through GFA, we echo the words of Isaiah: "O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure" (Isaiah 25:1).

Praise God with us as we look back on some of the milestones He established for us throughout this journey:

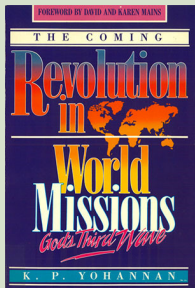
~ **1979:** GFA begins with committed prayers and a burning desire to help people in Asia who had never heard of Jesus



~ **1984:** The GFA Canada office opens, to be followed in later years by offices in Australia, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa, South Korea, and the United Kingdom

~ **1986:** GFA Radio records its first program

~ **1986:** *Revolution in World Missions* first published



~ **1994:** GFA begins printing Christian literature, which continues to be an effective means for communicating the hope found in Christ

~ **2000:** First Jesus Well drilled, responding to the need for clean water sources in desperate communities

~ **2004:** GFA's Bridge of Hope program begins, providing thousands of underprivileged children with the opportunity for education and nurture

~ **2004:** School of Discipleship (originally known as the Road to Reality internship), a year-long discipleship program at the U.S. headquarters, begins

~ **2007:** GFA prints our first Christmas Catalog, blessing thousands

of families in Asia with tangible gifts of God's love

~ **2009:** *No Longer a Slumdog* first published



~ **2014:** "Veil of Tears" documentary released, sharing about the plight of women in Asia

~ **2014:** GFA moves to Wills Point, Texas campus for the sake of future growth and to be good stewards of our resources

~ **2015:** Nepal earthquake relief begins immediately by Compassion Services teams already onsite

~ **2018:** GFA Launches "Mission Support Team," giving people in the West the opportunity to partner with behind-the-scenes missionaries serving in GFA's U.S. office

Serving with you,

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Praises

- **Praise** God for enabling us to go live with the Australia database migration as planned on April 23rd, and that the process went smoothly!
- **Praise** the Lord for 40 years of His faithfulness in and through the ministry of Gospel for Asia!
- **Praise** God for giving Rebecca the opportunity to run a half marathon, something she's had on her bucket list for awhile!
- **Praise** the Lord that we are able to visit friends and family in the United Kingdom this summer!

Prayers

- **Pray** for the staff in Australia as they adjust to using StudioEnterprise, that all the processes work correctly and for a successful closing of their fiscal year in July
- **Pray** for Lord to raise up more Australian staff
- **Pray** for God's guidance and wisdom for our leaders, here and in Asia, as they face many weighty challenges & decisions on a daily basis
- **Pray** for safety during our international travel, and for the Lord's blessing upon our time serving in the GFA-UK office and visiting with friends and family
- **Pray** for both of us to grow in humility



Thank you for your prayers

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