

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

Greetings from Wills Point!

We pray this letter finds you doing well and rejoicing in the goodness of our Savior. Thank you for your faithful prayers, support, and encouragement as we journey together in knowing the Lord and making Him known.

To the UK and Back

What a trip we had! We are grateful to the Lord for His watch care over us in all our traveling about (plane, car, train, Tube, foot...), and also for blessing us with wonderful times of fellowship with friends and family.

We spent our first week in Manchester, where we stayed with the leaders of the GFA-UK international office and served with them during the work week. The office there is smaller than the US office, with about 6 full or part-time staff members, and another 5 or 6 volunteers who come in various days of the week. Their work is similar to ours, just for a different country: gift entry, communications to donors and sponsors, correspondence with the field, connecting with churches, maintaining website content,



Explaining a bug

help them with some of their IT needs. We worked on over 10 projects for them, ranging from a very small data tweak to a multi-hour task to fix one of their import processes.

sending emails... They don't have an IT department, so our goal during the week was to

The biggest project Rob worked on was a full audit of their system, learning about their current database structure and regular procedures. It's possible that we will migrate their database into StudioEnterprise (SE) within the next year or two, and having a comprehensive understanding of their current system will make the project more streamlined on all fronts. We also demoed SE for them, which made them very excited!

We didn't just *work* in the office, though. Just like at our US office, the UK staff spend several hours together in prayer. We were delighted to join them for their late-night prayer meeting on the Friday we arrived, as well as the



Tuesday night prayer

Tuesday night prayer meeting the following week and various times of prayer they have during the work day. In fact, that was probably our favorite part of the time we spent in Manchester. Spending a week bonding with the GFA-UK staff helped us internalize how we are all serving together for the same purpose, even though we are separated by miles of ocean. It was a blessing to get to know them personally, rather than just seeing their faces in pictures or working with them over emails.



They treated us to fish 'n' chips

To the UK and Back (continued)

The second portion of our trip was actually vacation. We spent a weekend in London, seeing a few of the sites, and the remaining week and a half with Rebecca's sisters. We did some touring with them, but the best part was just hanging out and getting to know each other's families better.

Despite the reputation England (rightly) has for being a very wet climate, we were blessed that rainy weather never frustrated our activities. Of course it was no surprise that the temperature was much cooler than the Texas summer we left behind for those three weeks. During our trip we made so many good memories, including (but not limited to) committing a few tourist faux pas in London, braving the motorways in a manual transmission British car on the left side of the road (Rebecca was absolutely thrilled), marveling at all the historic architecture, and compiling a list of word/spelling/expression differences between British English and American English.



Westminster Abbey

Drawing with nieces

12-mile hike in the Scottish hills

Newest nephew Gordon →

Lawsuit Conclusion

Praise God, after three long years, the lawsuit against GFA has finally ended! We are grateful to now be able to say with confidence that both parties agreed all the money went to the field as we have always claimed. Our president, Dr. K.P. Yohannan, even wrote a personal letter in response to this situation that we wanted to share with you. He also sat down with Francis Chan, pastor and author of "Crazy Love", to talk about the lawsuit as well as his journey with the Lord over the past many years of ministry. You can find the letter and video on our website www.gfa.org/response. We hope it will be an encouragement to you!

We want to make sure you know how much we appreciate you having stood with us through these past few years, with your personal support and faithful prayers. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to focus on Christ and the mission He's given us. We never want to forget the nearly 2 billion people that still wait to hear of the love of Christ; thank you so much for being part of this story with us.

We praise God that His work continues to go forward, and we rejoice that in 2018, more than 70,000 kids were helped through Bridge of Hope, over 4,700 Jesus Wells were drilled, and more than 500,000 people put their trust in Jesus!



Interview with Pastor Francis Chan

Serving with you for the Gospel,

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Praises

- **Praise** God for giving us the opportunity to visit the UK, for keeping us safe in all our travels, and for blessing our time with family and friends!
- **Praise** the Lord that we were able to help the GFA-UK office with several of their IT needs!
- **Praise** God for sustaining GFA through the lawsuit and bringing it to a conclusion
- **Praise** the Lord that the Lord's work continues to go forward. In 2018, over 4,700 Jesus Wells were dug and over 500,000 people put their trust in Christ!

Prayers

- **Pray** for encouragement and strength for the staff in the GFA-UK office, and that their labor would bear much eternal fruit
- **Pray** for Rebecca as she has started taking incoming phone calls for GFA in addition to her work in IT, that she would faithfully serve each caller
- **Pray** for GFA as we continue to focus on Christ and the mission He's given us, to serve with faithfulness, wisdom, and faith
- **Pray** with us as we are working to raise our support from 87% back to 100%, that the Lord would connect us with the people He is preparing to partner with us financially



Thank you for your prayers

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