

Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! (John 4:35)



Rob Gaebler's news from Gospel for Asia

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Above: My brother Dave with his wife Leslie and three children Timothy, Joanna (born in May), and Iain.



Above: Jill and me.

Below: We remember Jacie as one who really adored and worshiped Christ. Both these women passed away this summer.

Right: I enjoyed a "Cold Guys Camping Trip" this fall, hiking and camping with some of the GFA men.



Dear friends,

I love this time of year, because it is a time to remember and celebrate heaven breaking into the darkness of human suffering and sin, with the manifestation of God's love to us in His Son Jesus. Surely the birth of Christ is among the greatest wonders that have ever taken place! I

pray that you and your family may treasure and delight in Christ who came to redeem you.

I rejoice also that the Lord has called me to serve Him here at Gospel for Asia. I have

been on staff nearly seven years now, and I consider it the greatest privilege to serve my brothers and sisters in Asia who daily lay down their lives to take the Gospel to those who have never heard. I pray that God may uphold me in His grace so that I may continually live with eternity in mind, with humility of attitude, and with love driving me forward.

Gaebler Family Update

In the Gaebler family, there have been so many changes in the last year and a half that even the meaning of "the Gaebler family" seems to have changed. As you know, my mom passed away last June from cancer. That has been sad, but God has helped us and we are handling it well. This summer, my brother Dave had his third child born (his first girl, Joanna), completed his PhD, moved with his family to Michigan, and started working

as a math professor at Hillsdale College. I am proud and excited for them. My brother Leif graduated from college and started a programming job in California. He will be married on December 29th. Evan is on leave from college to cope with depression; please pray for him. My youngest sibling, Marcie, went off to college, becoming the sixth Gaebler sibling

to attend Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, CA

(where I also went). My dad met a very nice woman named Mary Ann, and they are engaged to be married.

They are very happy. Though my family has scattered to

various places, we are still connected by love and Skype.

Death of Two Friends

Two of my friends, elderly ladies who had served at GFA, passed away this year. The first was Jill, whom I had helped and given rides to during the past couple years as her health declined. The second was Jacie. She was loved and admired by many on staff because of her great love for people, her joyfulness, and her devotion to Jesus. We miss them both.

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." (Isaiah 9:2)





Merry Christmas from all of us at Gospel for Asia!

Please Pray:

- That Gospel for Asia can get more licenses to start homes for street children
- That I, and all of us on staff at GFA, will grow in the use of the mighty weapon of prayer—with faith, passion, and diligence
- That God will uphold my family
- Praise the Lord that two of our missionaries were released from prison!



*Dear friends,
I am very grateful for your partnership in the work of the Gospel. I know that through your prayers and support, Christ's love is being shown to many people in Asia. May the love of God be shed abroad in your hearts this Christmas.*

Yours in Christ,

Rob Gaebler

Serving in the Office

I have now served in the Information Technology department for three years, working with GFA's main donor database and programming in T-SQL. I enjoy this work and appreciate this team I am a part of. Through my technical work I am helping enable many others on staff to carry out their roles more effectively. This year I also started serving as one of the Prayer Moderators, responsible for coordinating the prayer ministry of GFA.

Mission Field

On the mission field, we have seen God's hand at work in powerful ways, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Two of Gospel for Asia's national missionaries, who had been imprisoned for years, were released. One of them was in prison for eight years and led 50 other inmates to Christ during that time.

Recently Gospel for Asia started an outreach in the "red light" district of Calcutta, and already a church has been established with 150 people worshipping Jesus!

In Delhi, thousands of abandoned children and runaways wander the streets, extremely vulnerable and exploited. Some are forced to beg, while others turn to prostitution and drugs. Gospel for Asia has been able to start two homes to rescue dozens of children in these conditions. Let us pray that their lives may be completely redeemed – they are so precious to the Lord.



These precious girls are now being loved and cared for in one of our homes for abandoned children.



Year-end giving

Finally, I want to say a great big **Thank You!** I really couldn't be here serving the Lord if it weren't for you. The Lord is using your faithful prayers and support to impact many lives in Asia for eternity.

My support level is very good right now, but any contribution the Lord leads you to give will still make a valuable difference. If you would like to make a year-end gift for my support, you can do so at www.gfa.org/ht/roga.

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I would love to hear from you!