

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)

White *for* Harvest

Rob Gaebler's news from Gospel for Asia

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The Road to Reality Has Begun!

Hello friends and family! I am very grateful for all your prayers and financial support—thank you! It is you who make it possible for me to serve here at Gospel for Asia. I have been here for the Road to Reality Internship at Gospel for Asia three weeks now, and I am having a great time. During orientation week the eight interns got to know each other and became more familiar with the GFA office and ministry. Five dedicated GFA staff, the Intern Discipleship Team (IDT) will be living with us and mentoring us during the year. The purpose of the internship is to train us to be devout followers of Christ and to live our lives in light of the Great Commission.



Road to Reality interns: Rachael, Rob, Angela, Brettin, Madelyn, Sheri, Brad, and Gabriel

Please Pray!

- For me to be able to absorb and apply all I am learning
- For those in my house to love and serve each other
- For 2000 new native missionary sponsors in September
- For Mary to learn how to read and write
- For Jesus to be the center of all I do here!

My House

I live in a house with two other interns, Brad and Gabe, and our mentor Nathan. Nathan's very tall and skinny, and is just as committed to following Jesus as he is tall. He's really thoughtful and humble, and he keeps talking about finding ways to crucify the flesh. Nathan has inspired the rest of us to start our day at 5:00 with prayer. Brad obviously has a lot of maturity beneath his calm, friendly demeanor. I often see him off by himself praying or reading the

Bible. Brad majored in math in college, then taught math in far northern Alaska for a year! Gabe is a little more energetic, and a few years younger than the rest of us. He's from California, and he was home schooled just like me. He can frequently be found riding his bike for hours or climbing trees in an unsafe manner. I share a bunk bed with Gabe, and we sometimes have good conversations. This will be a fun year. *Pray that we would learn to serve each other in love.*

My Job

I am working as an administrative assistant in the Call Center. My main responsibility is to set up meetings for representatives of GFA to go speak at churches and conferences, and to correspond with the churches in the weeks leading up to the event. Such meetings are still the primary way that people hear about GFA and decide to sponsor missionaries. *Pray that 2000 people begin sponsoring a missionary this month.*



Hard at work in the Call Center



Verse of the month:

I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.
(Philippians 3:8)

Dear brothers and sisters, I thank the Lord for your partnership as we work together through Gospel for Asia's home office to enable more than 14,500 full-time missionaries to share the gospel and plant churches among Asia's unreached peoples.

Blessings,
Rob Gaebler

Prayer

Gospel for Asia is a praying organization. Common sayings here are “the shortest distance between two points is prayer” and “more prayer than planning.” A typical work day starts off with an hour-long prayer meeting, followed by shorter prayer meetings within each department. This is in addition

to almost two hours of prayer and Bible reading on my own and with my household in the morning. GFA also has one marathon prayer meeting each month. I had my first taste of this Sept. 9 from 8 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. It is so good to continually come before the Lord in dependence on Him—surely this is what it means to love and trust and serve Him!

Priority Number One

As part of the Road to Reality Internship, we are studying the ten core values of Gospel for Asia. Core Value #1 is “**knowing the Lord Jesus more fully and intimately.**” This “knowledge” is not head knowledge but active knowledge. The focus of our lives at GFA, individually and corporately, is to know Jesus, to fol-

low Him, and to become like Him. All we do, including our mission to reach Asia with the Good News, flows from this core value. After all, it was Jesus who went all the way to the cross to save sinners, and we are simply following after Him. *Please pray that I would absorb and truly be changed by the lessons I am learning.*

News from the Field

At one of our prayer meetings, Sister Gisela, wife of K.P. Yohannan, gave a report on her recent trip to India to develop women's fellowships in our churches throughout Asia. While she was there, Gisela met a precious lady named Mary who is being used in a mighty way for the Kingdom. Mary was a typical tribal woman, illiterate and totally ignorant of the Gospel. But the Lord revealed himself to her, and she believed and was baptized. Even though she knew very little about the gospel, the Lord led her to simply pray for people. And God did

awesome things! A miraculous healing in her home village led to her being invited to a second village to pray. Two sick people there were also miraculously healed. These healings so dramatically touched the people that all 50 families of that village became Christians. They were so strongly converted that they destroyed the temple where they used to worship idols. Mary now has a prayer center where people come to be prayed for. *Please pray for her that she can learn to read and write.*



God used Mary to save an entire village!

“You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.” — Jesus

“One of the clearest indications of a person who knows Jesus more fully is seen in their brokenness, in their humility, in their willingness to take the low road, in their willingness to be transparently open—they play no games—and their tears.”
—Brother K.P.

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I would love to hear from you!