

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)

### **Please Pray!**

- For my eyes always to be fixed on Jesus
- For God to break my heart for the lost, and teach me how to share my faith
- For me to speak with grace on the phone
- For relief to be sent to those affected by the earthquake. For many of them to come to faith in Jesus Christ.



Fred Schaphorst teaching the class of interns

### Verse of the month:

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.  
(Ephesians 6:19)

# White for Harvest

Rob Gaebler's news from Gospel for Asia

September 2005

## Going Strong at GFA!

Hello friends and family! It amazes me that I have already been here at Gospel for Asia for the Road to Reality internship for more than two months. I keep thanking the Lord for the awesome privilege I have to serve Him here this year. There is honestly no place I would rather be. Every day I am challenged to walk more closely with Jesus and to lay down my life for the sake of His kingdom. I have never before seen such love and humility in people's lives. Even the top leaders at GFA are eager to spend times with us interns, to serve us and pour their lives into us. And all of us labor together toward the common goal of glorifying the Lord Jesus by reaching the most unreached in Asia with the Gospel.



Gospel for Asia's office in Carrollton, Texas

## Winning the Lost

Gospel for Asia's ninth core value is "Being a people sold out to win the cost at any cost." I find this to be the most deeply challenging of all the core values. I am one of those people who tremble in fear at the thought of sharing their faith with a non-Christian. But as we studied this core value, my heart was pierced with the conviction that I am a hypocrite if I care only about the lost in Asia, but care nothing for those all around me who are on their way to hell. When I stand before God, how will I answer when He asks me, "Did you weep for the perishing? Were you zealous to save the lost? Did you love your neighbor enough to share the Gospel with him?" For days I sought the Lord in fasting and prayer, asking Him to break my heart

for the lost. And God began to answer my prayer.

On Saturday, October 1, the interns and a few other GFA staff spent the evening in Fort Worth handing out tracts (a new experience for me) and sharing the Gospel with people. The first half of the evening was miserable as I was frozen in fear. But the Lord was gracious, and the second half of the night was much better. I talked with a homeless man named Joe for a half hour. I was able to encourage him, point him to Jesus, give him a new Bible, and pray with him.

Since then, I have been able to pass out several tracts to people in stores and on my way to and from work, and engage people in conversations about Jesus. *Please pray that God would break my heart for the lost, give me courage, and teach me how to share my faith with the people I meet and with my unsaved friends.*

## In the Call Center

If you call Gospel for Asia, you might be talking with me! Two weeks ago I started answering some of the calls coming in to GFA from outside callers. Most calls are for routine things such as changing their address or credit card number, making a donation, ordering literature, removal from mailing list, sponsoring a missionary or child or canceling their sponsorship, or asking basic questions about the ministry.

Then there are calls like the one I got from Erika. She asked several tough questions about the ministry such as "What about the people in New Guinea? Don't they need the gospel just as much as the people in India?" "Do you believe that people who die without hearing about Jesus will go to hell?"

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Call Center staff: Strat, Barry, Rob, Kevin, Brian, Sandy, and Sheri

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Erika and I talked for almost half an hour. She told me that she had been sponsoring orphans with another organization for 20 years. Just that day she had called them up to find out what her money was being used for. When she found out her children weren't necessarily being told the Gospel, she made the difficult decision to

end her sponsorship. She called GFA because she had read *Revolution in World Missions*, and she respected us. I was able to tell her about Gospel for Asia's Bridge of Hope child sponsorship program, where we make sure each child is taught from the Bible every day. She was greatly encouraged by this, so I mailed her more information. At the end

of our conversation I prayed with her briefly. Before she hung up, she said, with tears in her voice, "Thank you, Rob. I will never forget you, even though we have never met."

It is sometimes hard being the man answering the phone, but it's well worth it because of calls like that one. *Pray that I would answer people's calls with grace.*



***"We thought the tsunami was the worst we could get. This is worse."***

—Jan Egeland, UN emergency relief chief



*Dear brothers and sisters, I am very grateful for your support and prayers, which enable me to serve here at GFA. Truly your prayers are strengthening me and keeping me in the battle. I can honestly say, "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3) Thank you.*

*In Christ,  
Rob Gaebler*

## Kashmir Quake

80,000 killed. 3 million homeless. Hundreds of thousands in remote areas who have received no aid. Many exposed to the elements as winter approaches. UN emergency relief chief, Jan Egeland, said he had never seen such devastation. "We have never had this kind of logistical nightmare ever. We thought the tsunami was the worst we could get. This is worse."

Our hearts go out to the millions who have been devastated by the October 8 Earthquake that hit Pakistan-controlled Kashmir. Yet in the desperation a ray of hope shines through. More importantly, this hope is not just for physical needs, but for eternity. A Gospel for Asia relief team, composed of 15 missionaries and church members, has been working non-stop in several severely damaged villages in Kashmir. The group is distributing daily food packets, and a doctor and two nurses are on hand to provide medical aid. In one of these villages, 400 houses were destroyed and 50 people had died.

"The condition of the people is terrible," said a field correspondent. "Many have

been emotionally affected by the earthquake. They are crying and weeping for their loved ones, and many come to our tents for refuge. Our presence is a source of comfort."

These villages are totally Muslim, so far. We know that God so loves these people that He gave His own Son to die for them. We also know that He is completely able to open their hearts up to the good news of salvation found in Jesus Christ. "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). Please join with me in praying for them, and we will see the mighty working of the Lord! *Please pray for opportunities for our team to share the Gospel. Pray also that many will open their hearts to the love of Jesus and be saved.*



Some images of the earthquake (from news.yahoo.com)

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*I would love to hear from you!*