

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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Back in CA

Dear friends and family,

I would like to say a big "Praise God!" because He has been answering prayers and providing for me in remarkable ways! It's as if God is carrying me along in His hand, saying, "Don't you worry! I called you to Gospel for Asia, and I will get you there!" I feel like God is right here with me, and that He is rejoicing over me with singing (Zeph. 3:17).

I hope you are encouraged to hear these reports. I have the strong sense that you are a team who are supporting me faithfully in prayer, and for that I am deeply grateful.

Right now, I am at UCSD

finishing my Master's degree in math. Then I will go home to Iowa for Christmas. If I raise all my support by then, I will start working at Gospel for Asia in January! These three and a half months at UCSD are a time of focus, excitement, and urgency for me. So much to do, so little time...and then I leave for good. I have three main goals during this time: (1) raise my support for joining GFA, (2) personal evangelism, and (3) finish my Master's degree. And, thrown into the mix, (4) knee surgery and recovery. What an exciting combination!

It has been great to reconnect with roommates, math classmates, and friends in the Graduate Christian Fellowship.



Roommates: Nate, Shay, me

I have also been talking and meeting with several pastors and other churchy people as I raise support.

Still, my heart is really at Gospel for Asia. I can't wait to get back to the Call Center, linking supporters all across America with our beloved brothers and sisters who are laying down their lives for the Gospel. I was never this homesick when I first left for college!

"The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17)

Carried by God

Isn't it amazing when God answers your prayers and gives you what you really need? I have experienced that many times recently. When I returned to UCSD in August after my internship with GFA, I had very little money and some potentially huge expenses.

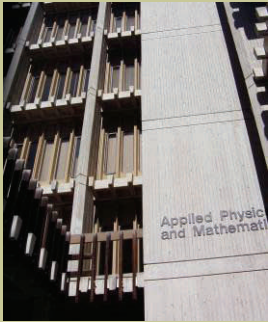
First, as a non-California resident I would have to pay \$5000 in out-of-state tuition this quarter. Residency status is based in the last year, namely, when I was working in Texas

with GFA. In early September I submitted 102 pages of forms and documents. My friends and I prayed, and I got California residency, so no \$5000 fee!

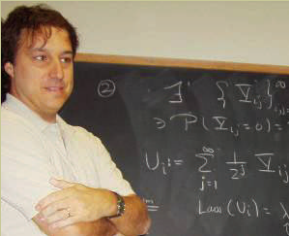
Second, the math department funds its grad students by giving them Teaching Assistant (TA) positions, which are worth \$5200 per quarter. While I was away at GFA last year, all the TA positions for this year got taken, leaving me with no income for this quarter. My friends and I prayed, and God did a remarkable thing. A week and a half after

classes started, by which time I had given up hope, I got an email from the professor in charge of TA's saying, "We can use you as a TA!" The job is fun and easy (it's only multivariable calculus, after all) and only seven hours a week. I still get a smile and a sense of awe every time I think about what God did for me.

Other ways I have clearly seen God's providence are the many opportunities He has opened up for raising support, and answered prayers for my knee surgery (see next page).



The math building



In the classroom again



Math pumpkin: how to divide a square into acute triangles

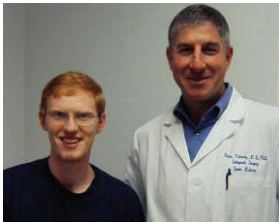
Praise God!

I have raised **63%** of my \$1600 monthly support goal in pledges so far.

Please contact me if you want to help.



Crying out for God to move at UCSD



Dr. Pedowitz and me

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you so much for helping me get to Gospel for Asia by your support and prayers. Remember, there are millions who are perishing without Jesus—and you are helping take the message of salvation to them. As Paul said, “I thank my God every time I remember you.” (Philippians 1:3)

Rejoicing in the Savior,

Rob Gaebler

Support Raising

I am extremely grateful for all of you, and your faithful prayers and support. If you have decided to give, **it will help me greatly if you can start by December 31.** If you don't know how to start giving, call (858-453-4163) or email me (robgaebler@yahoo.com), and I will be happy to help you!

God has kept me busy by giving me plenty of good op-

portunities to share about GFA and my calling. So far I have spoken at six meetings, for a total of 164 minutes, to a total of 202 people. I am putting in many hours of planning and praying, but really I am totally dependent on God to raise my support.

Please pray for the upcoming meetings I am speaking at: Nov 5, 10-12, 13, 18, 26, and Nov 30-Dec 3. Pray that the Lord would lay His burden and love for



A fun group of college friends I had an Open House for on Sept. 16

the lost on each person's heart. Pray that I can raise all my support by December 31st.

Who Is Jesus?

I have been praying that God will use me during this brief time at UCSD to impact the lives of those around me. So with the help of a close friend named John, who has an equal passion to see God's kingdom come, I started a weekly Bible study in the Gospel of John for non-Christians,

titled "Who Is Jesus?" We posted fliers and even emailed the entire complex of 1500 residents. However, in our first seven meetings, a total of seven people have come, and only one was not a Christian. One evening when no one came, we spent the time going from door to door asking people if we could pray for them. John and I are desperately seeking God's

will for how to reach our community with the Gospel.



John and me

In a sense, we are native missionaries to our fellow graduate students. *Pray for God to come in power at UCSD.*

Knee Surgery

As I write this, my left leg is in a brace and is propped up on cushions. Two weeks ago I had knee surgery, and I couldn't be happier! You see, ever since I injured my knee two years ago playing Ultimate Frisbee, I've been praying for healing, and now finally it's happening.

I was surprised when I learned last month that my knee injury was a torn ACL ligament. I will be on crutches through November, and it may be a year before I can do things like Ultimate Frisbee again.

As I waited in the holding room right before the surgery,

the nurse thought it odd I was sitting and doing nothing for so long, and kept asking if I wanted the TV on. I was actually meditating on Isaiah 26:3, which says **“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”** As I prayed that verse, I had total peace.

There are many things to praise God for! Here are a few:

- The surgery went well, rehab is going great, and I am pain free.
- The insurance I had last

year would have covered 0%; the insurance I have now is covering 100%.

- Dr. Pedowitz is an expert surgeon. Since he is leaving the area very soon, I was told he wasn't taking new patients. But I prayed that he would do my surgery, and he did!

- When people see me on crutches and ask, “What happened?” I get to tell them about God's providence and answered prayers.



Please pray that I fully recover before I leave California December 12.

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I would love to hear from you!