

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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"Father, I just want to worship You."



My family visited me for two days at GFA



Michael and Tye are "my" interns this year



Bethany and Gen have been a tremendous help to me on many projects and tasks

Beloved,

I am very grateful for your part in my ministry here at Gospel for Asia. Without your prayers and support I could not continue in the work God has called me to.

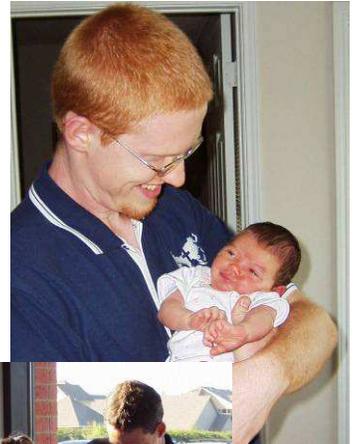
Isn't it incredible that God has made us His children? I have been contemplating that recently. Perfect, Almighty, Holy, Infinite—Daddy.

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1) How the Father in heaven delights to have me come trustingly into His presence to enjoy His fellowship, lay my life before Him, and lift up the needs of this lost world. I want to fall more deeply in love with the Father; I want to share the same intimacy that Jesus had with the Father.

Exciting and joyful things have been taking place in my life, for which I am grateful to God. I was very happy when my whole family came to visit for the first time. One of the GFA families graciously let them take over the entire second floor of their house for a couple days. I went to three weddings in two months: A roommate from college got married, and two couples who met at GFA got married. Also, Brad and Maddie, who were interns with me and then got married a year ago, had their first baby, Ruth Fox, on Sep-

tember 24. When I held Ruth, I was filled with joy that lasted for days. This is the first time close friends of mine have had a baby. And on October 13, I played my favorite sport, Ultimate Frisbee, for the first time in forever! I tore my knee 3 years ago and had surgery 1 year ago; now I am much improved.

The arrival of ten new interns in August has made life interesting, since I now oversee one of the intern houses. A typical day for me starts at 4:45 with personal prayer and worship; this is difficult for me but it has really helped me to stay in the battle and keep my heart fresh. At 6:15 I gather with Michael and Tye (the two interns I live with) to intercede for a country in Asia. Right now we are praying for Pakistan, and throughout the year we will cover all 11 nations that Gospel for Asia works in. At GFA, we start the work day at 8:00 with an hour of prayer, then go to our "battle stations." We can leave at 5:30 although people often stay later. Back at home, one of us cooks a good dinner, then I try to get a few more things done before collapsing in bed.



Top: Ruth Fox, the first baby born to close friends of mine
Middle: Josh and Christy met at GFA
Bottom: Greg and Charissa on the day of their wedding. Greg was my roommate for two years in college.

"So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." (Luke 5:16)

In the Office

I enjoy my work; I honestly can't think of anything else I would rather be doing. In August we had the joy of seeing more than 1800 Bridge of Hope children sponsored through the four churches that K.P. Yohannan spoke at. And I had the privilege of doing much of the admin work for these meetings as well as all our

other church meetings. Each day we are praying for more church meetings like these.

The greatest need I have in the office is to become better organized. I handle numerous tasks and files and projects every week, but don't have a good system yet. Strat, my department coordinator, told me, "We want organization to

be totally 1000%," especially as the department grows and I handle more responsibilities. At Strat's urging, I am reading *Getting Things Done* in order to improve in this area. Please pray that I can be more effective in my work, so that more people can be won to the Lord in Asia. This is not just a desk job.

Road to Reality



Household activities include cooking (above), Bible study, and posing for photos (below)

On August 18 my life changed; now I am a house leader for the Road to Reality Internship. Michael and Tye are giving one year of their lives to serve at GFA's office and to grow in their walk with the Lord. It has been rewarding sharing our lives together.

Tye is 22 years old and is from Memphis, TN. He is good at cooking, so I am learning a lot from him. He loves the Lord and is serious about following Him.

Michael is 18 years old and is from near Dallas. He was saved less than 18 months ago, but he is quite mature and has a real passion for evangelism. He first found out about GFA one night in February after he and a friend had gone out wit-

nessing, and his friend brought him to one of our all-night prayer meetings.

As Michael's and Tye's mentor, I am here to help them stay focused throughout the year on growing in the Lord and serving Him. I also organize the house activities and duties, and help lead some of the activities for the entire group of interns.

The thing I enjoy most is living in close community, especially the times of prayer and Bible study together as a house. The greatest challenge I face is that I have little personal time



now, and many things I need to get done are slipping. Another challenge is leading with love and wisdom. Please pray about these things for me.



Internship activities include camping, service projects, and getting a little too close to nature

Faith Produces Fruit



GFA broadcasts the Gospel in 103 languages



I was greatly encouraged recently when I talked with a friend and his wife who support me at \$5 a month. They felt that the Lord was leading them to give the entire \$11,000 they had saved up in an emergency account, and trust fully in Him to provide in time of need. After all, Jesus said, **“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor.”** (Luke 12:32-33)

The money they are giving by faith will provide up to 9 months of broadcasting the Gospel by radio in one language, plus provide education and the Gospel to 10 Bridge of Hope children for the next year, plus pay for one third

of a new church building which will serve a congregation for decades!

GFA Radio

One ministry area my friend gave to, which is actually one of the greatest needs right now, is GFA Radio. Gospel for Asia broadcasts the Gospel in 103 languages in Asia, and we receive 1 million responses each year. Radio is the quickest way to reach millions of people who live in remote areas or are illiterate. Lives are transformed as families gather around their radios to listen to the 15-minute daily programs that share about the hope they can have in Jesus. Sometimes “radio churches” have even been started in villages by this “invisible evangelist”

before missionaries arrive there!

This is one story of a family that was changed forever. Gatari Kumar was weary of suffering at the hands of her abusive husband, and she was preparing to take her own life. Early one morning her husband woke up and went into the bathroom. On his way back to bed, he flipped on the radio. Listening from two different rooms in the house, they both heard about God's love. Garati abandoned her suicide attempt, and her husband repented. The abuse stopped, and the couple now attends church together.

Amazingly, the Good News can be broadcast in one language for 2 months for only \$1000.

Thank you so much for your loving support and prayers. Surely your prayers are precious to the Lord. You are making it possible for me to follow the Lord's call, to serve the native missionaries as they lay down their lives to preach the Gospel in unreached lands. Thank you for standing with me!

*For His glory,
Rob Gaebler*



GFA Radio receives 1 million listener responses a year



I have been reminded several times recently that there is not much time left. **“But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.”** (1 Peter 4:7)

I pray that we will submit our lives to Him and live for His glory.

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