

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

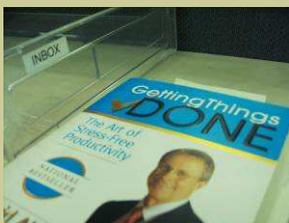
Rob Gaebler's news from Gospel for Asia

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**Above:** Interns doing a team-building activity

**Below:** Helping set up the booth and telling people about GFA at the NRB convention



**Above:** This book helped me get my Inbox to empty!

**Below:** Troy gives God the glory after his eye surgery



Dear loved ones,

I thank God for you and for your prayers and support. God has protected and greatly blessed me in answer to your prayers.

Many things have been happening! The internship has been full of challenges, growth, and good times. I have helped organize and lead some of the recent activities, including a day at a challenge course, 24 hours of fasting and prayer, and an evening of worship and sharing testimonies. These activities have been enjoyable and have taught us valuable lessons and helped us focus on the Lord. The regular times of prayer, Bible study, and just living together with Michael and Tye have also been just as meaningful.

Last month I traveled to Nashville, TN with several other GFA staff for the National Religious Broadcasters convention. About 6,000 peo-

ple involved in Christian media (radio, TV, print, and internet) gathered for networking and learning. At our booth, we connected with about 840 people. Most of them received at least our free book *Revolution in World Missions*, and several of them have great potential to air GFA's radio programs or partner with us in other significant ways. I loved going to this conferences and telling tons of new people about GFA. I also greatly enjoyed the many hours of fellowship with the other GFA staff who went along; they are godly examples to me and I learn a lot from their lives. The only downside of going to the conference was that I missed the only snowstorm of the year in Carrollton.

Last week I heard that my dad has been laid off work. I have six younger siblings, including two who are in or about to be in college. *Please pray for my family.*

This week, five tornados came through here, at about 3:30 in the morning. I had never heard wind so loud before, and I was a little frightened. I was praying that GFA wouldn't be destroyed! The next morning I drove around the neighborhood and saw several trees and fences knocked down. Elsewhere in Carrollton, power poles were snapped and roofs ripped off houses. At my house, we just lost a few shingles and tree branches. The Lord was very merciful; it could have been far worse.



**Above:** Tornado damage here in Carrollton, TX

## Becoming a Faithful Servant

In the office, there were two important assignments which I had been dragging my heels on for months. The only reason, really, was my unwillingness to comply, and I know I really let Strat down (my department coordinator), although he has been very gracious. As I read through Luke recently, several verses about being a faithful servant cut to my heart. One of them says, **"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and**

**whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much"** (Luke 16:10). I want to be a faithful servant who is able to be trusted with much. A faithful servant strives to understand and align himself with his leader's will.

God gave me the grace recently to finish both assignments. The first assignment was to track and follow up on the FIMAs (Five Minutes for Asia) and SEMAs (SEven Minutes for Asia) we send out. These are

packets we send to churches with a DVD to show the congregation, along with profiles of some missionaries or children they can sponsor. The second assignment was to totally organize all my work. I read the book *Getting Things Done*, which helped a great deal. My Inbox is empty for the first time in months! (The Inbox is supposed to be a processing tray, not a "To Do" pile.) *Please pray that I will be focused, organized, and disciplined in my work.*

## Perspectives on Suffering

Two people here on staff have inspired me recently through their suffering. One of them is Garry, who has suffered for many years with two chronic illnesses that cause excruciating pain throughout his body. Garry told me that it is impossible for him to enjoy life, because the pain is constantly with him. It even drove him to the verge of suicide several

years ago. But God has greatly used this pain to give Garry an eternal perspective. He only has one reason to live now: to win the lost.

Another brother who has suffered recently is Troy, who works in my department. Last month the retina in his left eye detached, destroying its vision. Troy testified that it was the best thing that could have hap-

pened to him spiritually. His faith and love for God are stronger than ever. Troy's prayer is that whatever will give God the most glory will happen; many of us are praying for God to miraculously heal Troy's eye. If Jesus were standing here in the room today, I know He could heal Troy's eye. I also know He can do the same today!

## Renewing Your Passion for Jesus — July 11-13

*"It was the best conference I've ever been to because it was life-changing. It taught me so much about the importance of prayer and the urgency of living for Christ. I would definitely recommend it."*

— 2006 Renewing Your Passion Conference attendee



**Above:** Native missionaries often see God answer prayer in miraculous ways

**Below:** I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with some people at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dallas



*Thank you so much for your loving support and prayers, which are precious to the Lord. You make it possible for me to serve the native missionaries who are laying down their lives to advance the Gospel in unreached lands. Thank you for standing with me!*

*For His glory,*

*Rob Gaebler*

I would love to take every one of you to the mission field of Asia to witness for yourself the incredible need for the Gospel, the power of God building His church amidst the harshest persecution, and the deep love and commitment of our missionaries. But since that is not possible, Gospel for Asia is hosting the Renewing Your Passion Conference here in Dallas on **July 11 to 13, 2008**. Come and be refreshed and strengthened in your walk with the Lord as you hear testimonies from our senior field leaders, and as you engage in worship and prayer with other believers who share your passion for Christ.

Truly our love for Christ must be the foundation of our service to Him. As K.P. Yohannan, the founder and president of GFA, explained at our conference in 2006, "The focus must be not world evangelism, not building huge things for God. It's okay if those things happen, but our call in life is to know Him and be like Him. *That* is the call....When you know Him like that, you can't do enough!"

Please go to [www.gfa.org/ryp](http://www.gfa.org/ryp) to find out more and view the short video. **Register by May 15** for the discounted hotel rate. The 2006 conference was one of the most incredible things I have been a part of. I am very excited about



K.P. Yohannan

this conference, and I really hope you can come. It will change your life! Plus you can visit me.

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few..." (Luke 10:2)*

### Life for a Dying Man

*This story was taken from GFA's web site. Go to [www.gfa.org/latestnews](http://www.gfa.org/latestnews) to see more field stories!*

Suren was only 25, but his wife and two children were about to lose him. As he lay in his hospital bed, the news of all the medical treatment he needed—and could not afford—overwhelmed him.

In this time of need, Suren and his family needed to receive hope from their gods. But instead, the silence that followed their prayers filled their hearts with empty despair.

Then Gospel for Asia missionary Badil met Suren's family. Badil listened to Suren's wife

pour out the stories of hepatitis, appendicitis, and lack of money for vital operations.

By the time Badil left the home, he had shared hope from God's Word and prayed with Suren's family. He also invited them to a prayer meeting he was having later that night in a local believer's home.

To Badil's surprise, the family came to the prayer meeting—with Suren! The dying man listened to the words of life, and he believed with the Christians that God could save his soul and

restore his health. The next day, doctors told Suren he no longer needed any operations.

Awed by the power of this miracle, Suren and his whole family received salvation. Suren's testimony also helped lead five families in their village to the Lord! These families formed a new fellowship, which Badil is faithfully caring for. Badil asks for prayer for Suren and his family to grow in the Lord and continue boldly witnessing about God's miracle.

### Sharing the Gospel

Asian Missionaries aren't the only people who must be prepared to share the Gospel. Several of the GFA interns and staff here in the U.S. went to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dallas last month. We handed out a couple thousand tracts and had some good conversations with people. I struggle hard against fear every time I go witnessing, but I always see God give me grace.

The Lord actually gave me my best witnessing opportunity after we returned home. I went to a parking lot near my house to practice unicycling and juggling, just for fun. Two boys, about 11 years old, came by and watched me, providing me a

perfect opening. I really felt like God gave me the words to say. It went something like this: "Do you think you could unicycle and juggle? ... No, it would be too hard for you. ... Can you think of something that's impossible for you? ... How about living a perfect life? ... Well, if God is perfect, and you're not, how do you expect to get to heaven?" I talked to the kids for 20-30 minutes about the justice of God and sin and salvation. One of the kids, Jack, was really open and was sobered by what I said. "I never thought of that before," he admitted. The next week I was able to talk to him some more, but afterwards his mom asked me to stay away. *Please*

*pray for Jack and his family, that they will know and follow Christ.*

Dear friends, we must belong totally to Jesus. Let us unite with Him in His passion to save those who are lost, both here and in Asia. Listen to the urgency in Jesus' words: **"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves"** (Luke 10:2-3). Jesus will return soon; I want to put aside the things of this world and be about His work when He comes.

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