

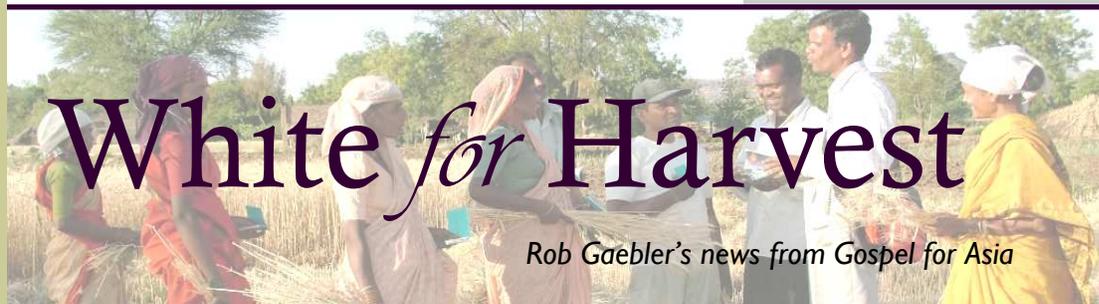
Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! (John 4:35)

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Above: Strat, formerly the Church Relations coordinator, now in Hawaii

Below: Me, Tim, and Judah



White for Harvest

Rob Gaebler's news from Gospel for Asia

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Hello beloved,

I am excited when I think about what a great thing we get to be a part of! During the last 11 weeks since my last newsletter, there have been over 1300 fellowships planted by GFA's missionaries working in Asia and 120,000 new believers added to the church, based on the averages from 2008! You are a vital part of this ministry as well, because without your financial support and prayers I could not be here to serve the native missionaries in Asia.

A team of people involved in Christian media recently went to see GFA's work in

India. Aaron Ironside, one of the men who went, was very impressed and wrote the following in his blog:

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Most of these Bible college students, whom I met during my trip to India in Feb. 2006, are now serving somewhere on the mission field. We get to be a part of their ministry!

enough.” That’s how I want to live my life, too.

The Cheese Gets Moved

Have you ever read the book “Who Moved My Cheese”? It’s about how people respond well, or not so well, to change. Well, in Church Relations, our cheese just got moved in a big way. Strat, who has been department coordinator for 3 ½ years, left in September to start a new office for GFA in Hawaii (now he’s “surfing” for the Lord) and to help his ailing mother. Strat led our department with grace, creativity, wisdom, and passion. He helped to develop me professionally and as a person. For example, when he saw that I wasn’t very organized, he made sure I read *Getting Things Done*,

which transformed the way I do my work.

Strat was a role model and mentor to me, and gave me very sound counsel whenever I went to him with personal struggles or questions. When the time came for him to leave, I did as much as I could to help him prepare for the transition and tie up loose ends, by taking him to the airport, and so forth. I will miss him greatly.

No one has been chosen yet to take Strat’s place as department coordinator. But even without our leader, we have been able to continue on with what we need to do. One of my responsibilities which I



Several of us wearing Hawaiian shirts in honor of Strat and Doreen

enjoy is overseeing the four part-time volunteers who help with the admin work and projects in our department., e.g. adding and updating church accounts in our database.

Other news: In August, Tim and Judah arrived at GFA to start their year in the School of Discipleship. The three of us are living together and learning the challenging lessons of humility, patience, and grace.



Above: The Lord is working mightily through the prayers of dedicated native missionaries throughout Asia, including some places where less than 0.1% of the people are Christian.

God's Power to Heal

One Gospel for Asia native missionary, Layak Sanjit, has recently been faced with some very difficult situations. Although the outlook seemed grim for some people in his village, Layak trusted the Lord to work mightily.

After crying out to the Lord on Nipun's behalf, Layak rejoiced to hear the answer.

"The cancer is completely gone! It seems impossible, but there isn't a trace of it in your throat," the doctor told Nipun. Just days before, doctors had told Nipun that he only had four days to live. Now, after battling the terrible illness for

more than 10 years, he was totally healed.

Nipun had been fighting cancer for what seemed like an eternity, and despite treatment, he lived with tremendous pain. Then suddenly, his illness took a drastic turn for the worse, and he was taken to the hospital. When the doctors realized they could not save him, they sent him home to die. By this point, he could neither drink nor eat, because he could not swallow.

As a last attempt to save Nipun, his family called Layak to pray for Nipun while he lay on his deathbed.

When Layak arrived at the house, he shared the Gospel with Nipun's family.

"Nothing is impossible

with God," Layak told the disheartened family members. "My God can do anything." When they heard this, they were greatly encouraged.

Then Layak fervently prayed for Nipun. During the prayer, the Lord improved Nipun's condition, and he was immediately able to eat without difficulty. Within a week, his cancer was completely gone. Nipun has now returned to his job and is living a normal life.

After experiencing the incredible power of God, Nipun and his entire family received Jesus as their Savior. Today they are all living for the Lord. Praise Jesus!

"We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you" (Psalm 33:20-22).

*Dear friends,
I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your partnership in the work of the Gospel. Through your prayers and support, many people in Asia are finding new life in Christ every day! May you be encouraged to know it is all worth it. Thank you for standing with me in this battle.*

Yours in Christ,

Rob Gaebler

Family Joys and Trials

Here at GFA, all the kids call the adults "aunt" or "uncle," so I have been "Uncle Rob" for over four years. But now I am a true uncle! Timothy Bartholomew Gaebler was born to my brother Dave and his wife Leslie on October 4th. (For you ladies out there: 8 lb, 14 oz, 20 inches.) I am quite excited! Aren't the baby pictures cute? I plan to drive up to Iowa for a week in October to visit my family.

Other recent news isn't so happy. On the morning of Sept 22nd, as I was getting ready for work, I got a call no one wants to get, from Dad: "Mom has cancer." This was completely out of the blue. The day before, Mom had gone into the hospital with intense pain. They found out it was cancer and operated to remove the main tumor in her colon. They also

found cancer in other organs, and diagnosed it as Stage 4 colon cancer, which is very serious. Right now Mom is feeling good and is just starting chemotherapy.

The news is hard for me and my family. I love Mom. Now is the time for me to stand on God's Word and encourage my family. **"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you"** (Heb. 13:5). **"For I am the LORD who heals you"** (Ex. 15:26). **"You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance"** (Psalm 32:7).

Please pray for my mom and family. I believe firmly in God's almighty power and unfailing love, in life and in death. I know that Jesus can heal even the worst cancer, and that God answers prayer. I know people who have been miraculously healed when people prayed for



Above: Mom is now a grandma!

Right: My nephew Timothy



them. I also know God is faithful even when things don't happen the way I want. But wouldn't it be awesome if God chose to glorify Himself in the Gaebler family by doing an outstanding miracle and healing Mom completely?

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