

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:** Dad and Mom. God has given us cause to praise Him by healing Mom from cancer!



**Above:** Building a "Zomejail."

**Below:** When the kids break the "Zomelaws" I created, they have to go to Zomejail. They love the game!



**Above:** My "goals jar" to motivate me to be disciplined. I have six daily goals for my schedule, devotions, and integrity at work. I put in \$1 to donate to GFA every time I meet a goal.

Dear friends,

God is so good! He is good in all circumstances, but it is especially delightful when I see Him answer specific prayers. Sometimes the best part of having a prayer answered is simply the joy in having tangible proof that "God is real and He really hears me!" – a personal touch of His divine love.

Thank you so very much for your concern

for my mom and for praying for her while she struggled with cancer. As you may recall, on September 21<sup>st</sup>, my mom was found to have cancer – stage 4 colon cancer, which is a death sentence. Mom had surgery followed by months of chemotherapy, then a few weeks respite. Now God has done something remarkable! Mom had a few tests done, including a CT scan, because doctors were concerned about some abnormalities. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, when they saw the results of the tests, the doctors were baffled. The scan showed no sign of cancer in her body!

Glory be to God, because chemo treatments alone could never have accomplished this. Last week, Mom had some more lab work done, and the doctors said everything looks great and they don't need to see her for another three months.

Cancer is a very tenacious foe, and it's possible that some cancer still remains. In any case, Mom feels wonderful! As for me, I believe God has answered my prayers and healed Mom completely.

Psalm 118:13-15 expresses how I feel: "I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: 'The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!'" It is my joy to declare to you that God has done great things for my family!

On that same evening, May 7<sup>th</sup>, God gave the Johnson family (whom I am living with) a great blessing and answer to prayer –

the birth of their fourth boy, Simeon Peter. While that was going on, the rest of the GFA staff was having our monthly all-night prayer meeting. The announcement was made that "Simon John" was born (that's the name of one of GFA's leaders on the field). Then that was "corrected" to "Simon Peter," and finally I set the record straight that it was "Simeon

May 24th, her birthday. Exactly on May 24th, her support level went up to 100%!

At a recent prayer meeting, we prayed for \$1.1 million for a very specific need. Just 20 minutes after the prayer meeting ended, Brother K.P. ran back in and excitedly told us that someone had just emailed him and pledged the \$1.1 million for the project!

Of course we were all greatly encouraged and praised God.

And in Asia, our prayers are being answered, as people are delivered from demons and all kinds of sicknesses, multitudes are giving their lives to Christ, and 16 new

Peter." How funny. Simeon has been well-behaved, and he sleeps a lot. Many people have visited the house to hold the new baby.

Another answer to prayer that gave me much joy was that both Tim and Judah, the



Simeon Peter, born May 7th, is the newest addition to the Johnson family. He's a darling!



young men I mentored for the first half of their year in the School of Discipleship, recently decided to return on full-time staff at Gospel for Asia! I am so grateful for what God has done in their lives these past few months, and for the blessing of being a part of it.

A friend of mine was recently raising support to come on staff, and I was praying that her



Tim and Judah, whom I helped disciple, have both heard God calling them to return on staff at GFA!

support would be fully raised by

is when He answers that cry.

How wonderful it is when He answers that cry.

The cry of my heart recently has been, "God, I just want to see You!" I want more of Jesus; I hunger and thirst for Him. I have been saying, like Moses, "Show me your glory!" (Exodus 33:18)

How wonderful it is when He answers that cry.



Persecution is not defeat; it is the price we must pay to advance the Gospel. "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Heb. 13:3). Let's pray daily for them as if we were their family members (which we are).

From my recent readings:

*"The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One."*

*"The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts."*

— The Pursuit of God by A. W. Tozer

*Dear friends, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your partnership in the work of the Gospel. Through you, Christ's love is being shown to many people in Asia. I am grateful for your faithful support and prayers.*

*For His glory,  
Rob Gaebler*

## Daily Reality of Persecution

It is far too easy for me to distance myself from the pain our brothers and sisters in Asia face daily. Oh God, let my heart break afresh for the things that break Your heart.

### A Pastor Murdered

Pastor Ajit served the Lord faithfully in Assam, India. Risking everything to share the hope of Christ, he led many people to the Lord and served as pastor of a church with about 60 believers.

Pastor Ajit saw his dream of a church building unfolding before him as God provided for the land and construction. On May 20, he went to a nearby town to purchase the final building supplies for the church, but he never came home. A violent anti-Christian

group ambushed Pastor Ajit and three other travelers. They brutally shot and killed all four of their hostages, dumping the bodies on the roadside.

Pastor Ajit left behind his wife and two small children, as well as his church. GFA leaders are caring for Pastor Ajit's bereaved family. They request prayer that the Lord will comfort them and provide for their needs during this difficult time.

### A Missionary Jailed

Shashi, a GFA-supported missionary in South Asia, recently showed a film on the life of Jesus in a remote village. In that region, Christianity is strongly repressed. Officials in the district heard about Shashi's activities and sent police to arrest him. They forced him walk for two days without food to the headquarters,



GFA-supported missionaries like Ajit and Shashi risk their lives to minister in dangerous areas.

carrying his film equipment.

One of our pastors, Philip, visited Shashi in jail, and assured him of the constant prayers of the GFA family. Shashi is being kept in a small, congested room with three other inmates who are murderers. The room is very dark and full of dust and mosquitoes. The inmates are not given basic amenities like fans or lights. Shashi asked Philip to supply him with some New Testaments to distribute to the inmates, and he said not to worry about him.

The case is still going on, but it doesn't look good in terms of Pastor Shashi being released very soon. But God is mighty and able!



After their church was destroyed by anti-Christian radicals, these believers continued to meet under this tree to worship God

## Changing Engines at 60 mph

For the past year, Gospel for Asia (mostly the IT team) has been working on converting our entire database to a new system. This is a MAJOR job! The IT guys likened the difficulty of this to changing the engine on a car — while it's barreling down the highway at 60 mph. We have gone through various rounds of development and training, and are preparing for the "go-live" date of July 26th.

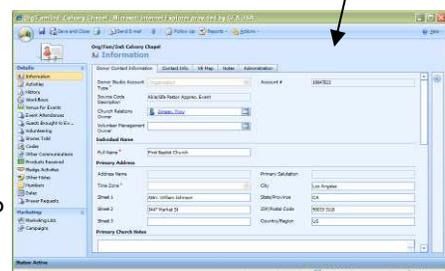
I am very excited about the change, because here in Church Relations, we will begin using a program called Microsoft Dynamics CRM to handle our relationship management with donors and churches. During one of the training sessions for CRM, the instructor showed us some of the complex "Advanced Find" features for setting up custom views. I

was getting pretty excited at how many new things I could do. The instructor said, "I'm sure some of you are feeling overwhelmed" (which many were), but I blurted out, "I feel EMPOWERED!" They got a kick out of my enthusiasm.

I have been appointed the liaison between Church Relations and IT for this project, and I have spent many enjoyable hours exploring how to use CRM and specifying our needs to IT. Please pray for an excellent transition to the new database in July.



We are going from this to this.



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