

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: Me with Mom in September. Every week when I call home, she says she is feeling pretty good.

Dear friends,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for partnering with me in the work of the Gospel, through your faithful prayers and gifts. The Lord has provided me with such wonderful friends in Christ! Thousands of people are coming to Christ every week through GFA's ministry, and you are a vital part of this work that is seeing such fruit!

I also want to let you know about our current need

here at GFA. Everyone on staff is working hard to bring our support level up to 100%. Our trust and dependence is on the Lord, who has been faithful to meet all our needs. I would really appreciate your prayers for all of us to be fully supported.

Would you please consider giving a special donation for my support? You can find out how to do this on the back of this newsletter. It would be a huge blessing to me and to many people in Asia!

In September, I enjoyed a week in Iowa with my family. My mom has been feeling well, even though she continues to go through chemotherapy. Thank you for praying for her and my family; please keep on praying.

Join GFA's Prayer Meetings Online!

You can now join GFA's prayer meetings live at

www.gfa.org/prayer/

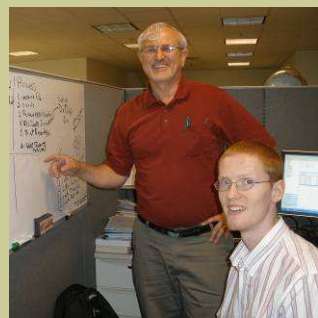
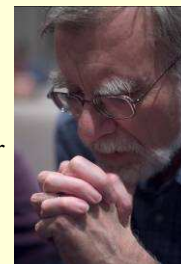
The Web streaming times are:

- **Tuesdays, 7:20-8:50pm (CST)**
- **First Friday of each month, 7:30-9:30pm (CST)**

Gospel for Asia is a ministry founded on, committed to and sustained by the power of prayer.

One person who joined our prayer meeting online said:

"I want all at GFA to know how powerful this night of prayer has been for us. The prayer requests come to life for us as we listen to each speaker so beautifully share what God had placed on their heart. Our hearts were burdened and yet we sensed such great hope as we were reminded that with God all things are possible. The plight of Burma is one that touched our souls deeply."



Above: Ralph, my IT mentor, and me.

Below: Ralph and me in Dave's office for our weekly meeting. Dave is the IT Department coordinator. He is a godly man and has been with GFA for over 25 years.



Now in the IT Department

On October 4th, I started serving in the IT Department at GFA. I enjoy it, and it is also challenging having to learn so much! My new role is "database specialist" with GFA's new database, DonorStudio. Ralph, the current database specialist, is moving to the Web Department later this month, and I have come in to take his place. I think it will take me years to truly "fill his shoes."

I have three main areas of responsibility: (1) Setting the "permissions" for GFA staff using DonorStudio, (2) administering the production of orders, letters and receipts through DonorStudio, and (3) selecting the recipients of GFA's mailings based on the criteria I am given. For example, last week I set up the criteria for who will receive GFA's SEND magazine. And by God's grace, many of those people will

be greatly blessed and encouraged to pray for and support the ministry when they receive their magazine! So far I have already completed about 50 work tickets.

I would really appreciate your prayers right now. I am swamped with tasks to do, and I still need Ralph's guidance for many of them. Pray that I can learn quickly the main things I need to know. Also pray for a heart of humility and patience. I need God's help so much right now, but I know that by His grace I am accomplishing much for His kingdom!



My fellow IT-ers



With the help of his bicycle, Kundar has planted several fellowships like the one below.



How Far Do You Walk to Church?

How long does it take you to get to church? How about 14 hours? Many places in Asia are so remote, and Christians so few, that believers travel hours to get to the nearest church, using the only transportation available—their feet. Some of them walk all day Saturday and stay Saturday night at their destination. On Sunday they join fellow believers from all over the area for hours of vibrant worship and teaching. Then they walk all the way back Sunday afternoon. Imagine doing that



In Asia, people often have to walk hours to get places, including church

week after week! In the same way, many GFA-supported missionaries spend hours every day walking from village to village to share the Gospel. Those who have a bicycle can reach three to four times as many people. Kundar is one missionary who is blessed to have a bicycle. He travels to tea estates and villages in his area, and stops to tell people about Christ and pray for the sick. “Because of the bicycle I was able to go to far, distant villages and tea estates and do ministry,”

Kundar says. “As a result of this, there are churches today.” The efforts of Kundar and the missionaries he leads are bearing fruit: In one tea estate area, a new fellowship of 30 believers meets for worship. And there are 15 fellowships much like this one—owing in part to his bicycle!



Above: Soon, this will be me

Marathon for Asia

Back in the Spring, I began having the crazy idea to attempt the impossible: running a marathon. Eventually I decided to actually go for it! I will be one of 7000 runners in Dallas’ White Rock Lake Marathon on Dec. 5th. I am excited! Why am I doing this? One reason I decided to run a marathon was to spur myself on spiritually by practicing the discipline and hard work necessary to train well for a marathon. I see the marathon as a metaphor for the Christian life – we are called to be runners, not spectators. “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. . . . They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever” (1 Cor. 9:24-25).

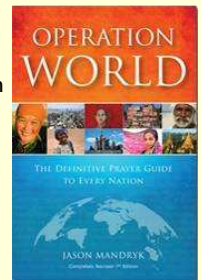
I am praying that my train-

ing and running the marathon will all be for God’s glory. One way that God is answering that prayer is by making me realize that I cannot complete it on my own! Recently I strained my left hip flexor, so I have had to cut back on training. It will only be by God’s grace that I will be able to complete the marathon; I am so dependent on Him right now.

This race is not a benefit run for charity, but I’m making it one! Would you please consider giving a special donation for my support? You can supply me with what I need to continue serving our brothers and sisters in Asia as they win souls for Christ. I am praying that people will donate a total of \$57.25 per mile that I run, which is \$1500 total, enough to cover one month of my support. Please use the enclosed

The Most Unreached

I recently bought the new edition of *Operation World*, the ultimate prayer resource.



My heart was broken afresh as I read about the lost world:

- India is home to 76% of the 639 people groups in the world of over 10,000 people that are “unreached and unengaged.”
- Eleven states in North India, with a combined population of 675 million, are each less than 1% Christian.

Imagine that! Twice the population of the United States, and less than one in a hundred knows the Lord. They need Jesus. Please pray.

Marathon for Asia card if you would like to make a donation. Thank you so much!

*Dear friends,
I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your partnership in the work of the Gospel. I pray that through you, Christ’s love will be shown to many people in Asia. I am grateful for your faithful support and prayers. May the Lord bless you and provide all your needs.*

Yours in Christ,

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