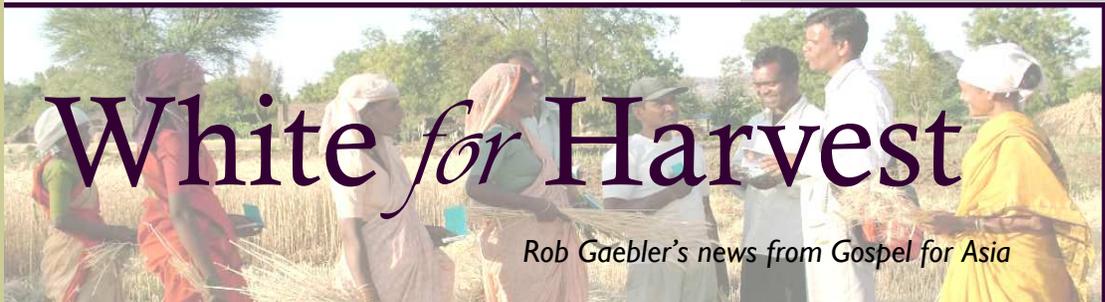


Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! (John 4:35)



White for Harvest

Rob Gaebler's news from Gospel for Asia

August 2012



Above: A recent baptism service at GFA. One question the candidates are asked before being baptized is "are you willing to face persecution or even death?" just like they do on the mission field in Asia.

Below: Rebecca came to GFA for the summer as a college intern in the IT department. I oversaw one of her projects, which was to program shortcut key combinations (like Alt-Y) in our database software that is used throughout the office. Rebecca said she really appreciated the opportunity to learn how IT is used in a real-world mission organization, and she was very grateful for how warmly she was welcomed by the GFA "family" during her time here. Here she is with Dave, the IT department coordinator.



Hello dear friends,

I wish I could meet with each one of you in person and tell you about the awesome things the Lord is doing and thank you for praying for me and supporting me financially. You are an essential part of the ministry of Gospel for Asia. You have done what the Apostle Paul urged in Romans 15:30, **"I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and**

by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me."

Last year, 4900 fellowships were planted in Asia, and you helped make this possible.

Thank you for praying for my family. We have been doing pretty well overall since my mom passed away in June. Please continue to lift us up in prayer, especially my dad, who is having the hardest time.



Some of my friends at GFA and I have been memorizing scripture together. Since January, we have memorized Colossians, Psalm 84, the Nicene creed, and most of I Peter. "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God..."

Brothers in the Calling

I have the privilege of working alongside some great people in the IT department. I decided it would be nice to introduce you to one of them, so I sat down with John and did a little interview.

R: Tell me about your family.

J: I have a wife and three kids.

R: When did you come on staff at GFA?

J: September, 2008

R: Why did you come to serve at GFA?

J: When we got involved in street evangelism in Orlando, the need became more clear and the Lord burdened our hearts to serve full time.

R: What do you enjoy doing?

J: Bike riding with my family, swimming, running.

R: What do you do in the IT department at GFA?

J: I am one of the software developers. Primarily integrating our web site with our internal database and day-to-day support.

R: What things do you and I collaborate on?

J: Data integrity, maintaining the database, some reports.

R: What has been a key Scripture verse in your life? Why?

J: Psalm 73:26. After being here four years, I find myself at risk of looking back at what we left behind. I desire to find my complete joy in the Lord and not in my circumstances and the things I have.

R: What has been one of your biggest joys since coming to GFA?

J: Being part of a community of believers, people really united with a common goal and purpose.

R: What keeps you going in serving the Lord?

J: My wife. Whenever I want to quit, she reminds me of our calling.

R: What impact do you think your life is having on Asia?

J: Even though I haven't been to South Asia yet, in faith I believe that through our efforts here

there are hundreds more missionaries, and children who have been hearing the Gospel.

R: What is something God has taught you recently?

J: God's love towards us despite our frailties.

R: What is one thing that you would like prayer for?

J: Nathanael's development and thyroid (he is two years old and has Trisomy 21).



Here is John with his wife and three kids. John is one of the other software developers in the IT department.



I Have Been Reading...

And we do well to remember that this gracious God, who has condescended to place His almighty power at the command of believing prayer looks not lightly on the bloodguiltiness of those who neglect to avail themselves of it for the benefit of the perishing.

—Hudson Taylor's *Spiritual Secret*

*Dear friends,
I am very grateful for your partnership in the work of the Gospel. I know that through your prayers and support, Christ's love is being shown to many people in Asia. May the Lord bless you richly and draw you closer to Himself.*

Yours in Christ,

Rob Gaebler

“Please Pray for Bhutan!”

I am amazed by some of the reports I hear from the nation of Bhutan. There is much resistance to the Gospel, yet many people are being saved. Certainly there is a great spiritual war over this nation. Let us pray earnestly for the nation of Bhutan.

David, one of the leaders at GFA's office here in the U.S., was in India a few years ago and met Ashish, GFA's country leader in Bhutan. He had traveled 33 hours to get to Delhi to meet the team from the U.S., by faith leaving behind his daughter who was on the verge of death. He came for one reason: *to ask them to please pray for Bhutan to come to know Jesus Christ.*

I was fascinated when I first heard the story of Thaye, a young man in Bhutan, whose father staunchly opposed his Christian faith.

When Thaye was 16, his father Zinjay barged into his room while he was studying for his year-end exam. He began throwing his books and things around. Then he shut the door so no one could enter and started beating Thaye.

Some neighbors managed to intervene by breaking down the door and pulling Thaye outside. He collapsed on the ground under the full moon. Half an hour went by, then Thaye's father ran out of the house, a knife in his hand, straight toward Thaye. Thaye was so badly beaten he

could only lie there, thinking it was the end of his life.

But that's when thoughts of Jesus entered his mind. As he lay crying on the ground, he felt a warm presence engulf him. At that moment, his father ran by — but never saw his son. This happened three times, even though it was out in the open and the full moon made everything visible.

But the story doesn't end there. After some years, Zinjay woke up one morning completely paralyzed.

Thaye and his siblings saw this as an opportunity and told their father that Jesus was willing to forgive him and heal him if he confessed his sins. Zinjay prayed and confessed his sins, and was completely healed! Some time later, Zinjay fully gave his life to Jesus and trusted him for salvation.

In Bhutan, many people feel the same way about Christianity that Thaye's father did. The Bhutanese way of life is heavily entrenched in keeping the ancient traditions and preserving their cultural heritage. They fight Christianity and do everything



Bhutan: Some Basic Facts

- Population 708,000
- Official state religion is Lamaistic Buddhism with 72% of the population; less than 1% are Christians
- Christian missionaries are banned from entering the country
- Illegal for a Buddhist to choose to follow Christ; church buildings are forbidden in Bhutan

in their power to turn believers away from their faith. They beat them, harass them, threaten their lives, disown them and even revoke their citizenship.

But Thaye is one of many Bhutanese believers who are standing strong despite the odds against them. All across Bhutan, people are experiencing miracles in the name of the living God. The lame walk, people are healed from mysterious, life-threatening sicknesses and countless people like Zinjay are experiencing the mighty power of Jesus firsthand.

Gospel for Asia is now operating the first Bible college in the nation, in the capital city of Thimphu, training missionaries to take the message of Christ's love to their own people. Let us remember them in our prayers.



God miraculously protected Thaye when his father tried to kill him because of his Christian faith

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I would love to hear from you!

Prayer Card — Rob Gaebler, Gospel for Asia (Aug 2012)

Praises

- **Praise** the Lord for His great and precious promises and the power of His word. He certainly hears our prayers and will answer (1 Jn. 5:14-15). Praise Him for the cross and for redemption (Gal. 6:14)!
- **Praise** God that He is doing such mighty and miraculous works in the “closed” nation of Bhutan to reveal His greatness and truth to many
- **Praise** the Lord for empowering and sending out so many national missionaries throughout Asia to preach the Gospel
- **Praise** the Lord that I can serve on such a great team of software developers in the IT Department at GFA!

Prayers

- **Pray** for the Lord to protect and encourage my family after the loss of my mother, and to draw them close to Himself. Pray especially for my dad. 2 Cor. 1:3-4.
- **Pray** that God will give me His love, patience, and wisdom in ministering to people in my life.
- **Pray** that the Buddhist nation of Bhutan will come to know Jesus Christ. Pray that the nation will become open to the Gospel. Pray for Satan’s power in that land to be broken by God’s power!
- **Pray** for the Lord to bless John (who works with me in the IT Department) and his family, especially for the development of his son Nathanael who has Trisomy 21.



Thank you for joining with me through prayer

*“I urge you, brothers...to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me”
(Romans 15:30)*