

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: During my time in Iowa, some friends joined me to participate remotely in GFA's weekly Tuesday night prayer meeting via web streaming.

Below: My family and I did a major de-cluttering project. This is one of the piles of junk that we hauled to the dump.



"I live in a high and holy place, and also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit."
(Isaiah 57:15)

"But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world"
(Gal. 6:14).

Humility

"True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."
- C. S. Lewis

Dear friends,

May the Lord bless you richly during this part of the year. Many people get caught up in the frantic busyness of this season and lose sight of Christ and His love poured out for us. I pray that your heart will be brimming with joy and thankfulness during these days.

On Thanksgiving morning, I went with 15 other people from Gospel for Asia to volunteer at Mission Arlington during their annual food distribution. Altogether, the volunteers took turkeys and meals to 30,000 families in need in the area! In the afternoon, I celebrated the holiday with the Bales family and several others from GFA. We each shared two things we were thankful for. Here are mine: (1) Faithful supporters (you!) who pray for me and support me through the years, and (2) having a mission that I can plunge my life wholeheartedly into. These are priceless gifts from God.

At the end of August I visited my family in Iowa for a week. We had a good time together. They are doing well. I led some projects to clean up a bunch of clutter around the house and garages. We all pitched in and made great progress working together. Pray for the upcoming Christmas holiday,

that we will have sweet times together. This will be the first time without Mom.

At the end of September, I attended a Voice of the Martyrs conference in Dallas. We heard speakers from Iran, Pakistan, and other countries, giving us a taste of the courageous faith of believers around the world who are standing strong as bold witnesses for Christ in the midst of persecution, and amazing stories of people turning to Christ in those countries. Did you know that Iran has the highest growth rate of evangeli-

cal Christians of any country in the world? The people there have a tremendous spiritual thirst. Please pray for a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit in Muslim countries, and that millions will be saved.



Above: On Thanksgiving morning, a few of us from GFA joined 2000 volunteers in taking turkeys and meals to 30,000 families in the area.

Below: Thanksgiving celebration with friends from GFA at the Bales home



Humility: The Beauty of Holiness

One thing the Lord has been teaching me recently is about humility. Several of the messages I have heard and the things I have read recently have been related to humility. I need this, because one of the ongoing challenges in my life is to be genuinely humble in my attitude and my words. Far too often, I will mention something that I have done, and then realize afterwards, "Wow, that was prideful; I was seeking to exalt myself." I'm doing a Bible study with a friend, and we each chose one area of struggle in our lives to work on overcoming by God's power. I chose "self-exaltation."

To be humble is to be like Christ, for humility was His essence. When I was in India a few years ago, one of GFA's

leaders told me, "Humility is the beauty of holiness." I could see that truth in his life, because he was so humble and gracious, thinking about our needs instead of his own.

Someone has said that a person who is truly humble puts as at ease because there exists around him a "zone of no competition." C.S. Lewis said that if you meet a truly humble man, "probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him.... He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all." Indeed, humility doesn't mean hanging your head and saying, "I'm nobody, just nobody." Humility is being full of Christ and serving others.

Brother K.P. recently spoke at one of our prayer meetings about the subject of "brokenness," which is a foundational value that we have at GFA. Brokenness is being "Not I, but Christ" (Roy Hession, *Calvary Road*). It means being broken like a horse (not like a vase), so that our own stubborn will is broken and we are submitted to our master and useful to Him. The process of being broken is painful but necessary in order for the nature of Christ to be formed in us.

Please pray for me, that the proud self in me will be broken and the beautiful humility of Christ will be formed in me; that through my attitudes and words people will be served and Christ alone will be exalted.



Above: Those who speak on the radio try to make the message as personal as possible. They imagine that they are speaking right to a person sitting across from them.

Below: GFA receives 100,000 responses every month to the radio broadcasts. Each one is read and responded to by a dedicated team.



Please Pray:

- That people will understand the messages and give their lives to Christ
- That GFA will be able to broadcast the Gospel in 200 languages soon
- For the Lord to bring in \$4500 through my campaign



Above: Two years ago, I was the one getting trained. Praise the Lord for all I've learned in that time!

*Dear friends,
I am truly grateful to you for joining me in this journey, through your prayers and gifts. I pray that the joy of God will be with you and your family this season as you remember the most precious gift ever give—the Lord Jesus.*

For His glory,

Rob Gaebler

Campaign for Radio Broadcasts in 100 Languages

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" – these were Jesus' final words to His followers, and His command to you and me! To proclaim the greatness of Christ and what He has done to rescue us from this dark world and open the door of heaven to us.

But sadly, more than two billion people have never heard the Gospel, they don't know how their sins can be forgiven. In the teeming cities and remote mountain villages of Asia, people live their entire lives and die without knowing about Christ. Think about this: Every time your heart beats – *thub, thub* – another person in Asia has died and gone to hell without knowing our Savior's love.

Radio broadcasts are one of the most effective ways to proclaim the Gospel to millions of these precious people who would otherwise never learn about Jesus. Gospel for Asia broadcasts the Gospel in over 100 languages in Asia, and the harvest is truly tremendous – we are receiving over a million letters in response each year!

Radio is called the "invisible evangelist," going where no Christian has ever set foot. That is why I am so enthusiastic about GFA's radio ministry. National missionaries have reached interior villages after days of walking narrow

dirt trails, only to be greeted by the words, "What took you so long to come? We have been listening to your broadcasts for years, and we have placed our faith in Jesus Christ; we have been waiting for you!" Many such "radio churches" have sprung up in Asia.

Radio is also one of the least-funded areas of the ministry, so there is a great need for your support! I starting a campaign on my birthday, November 8th, and am praying to raise \$4500 by December 31st, to fund these evangelistic radio broadcasts. That's enough for 100 radio broadcasts, one for each language.

Would you please give a gift, for my birthday or Christmas or any reason, thinking of the poor farmer in the remote mountain village in Nepal who has the burning question in his heart, "Where will I go when I die," and who will now hear of this man named Jesus for the first time. I can think of no better birthday or Christmas gift than to give him the gift of eternal life.



Millions in unreached areas are hearing of Jesus for the first time via radio. "Radio churches" are springing up in places where no missionary has even traveled!



Gospel for Asia is blanketing Asia with evangelistic radio broadcasts in over 100 languages

100 Languages Campaign

Help fund broadcasting the Gospel in 100 languages!

- Visit my campaign site at www.mygfa.org/100languages
- Or mail in the enclosed donation slip

Two Years in IT now!

October marked my two-year anniversary of being in Gospel for Asia's IT Department. I have enjoyed the work and the people I work with. At the same time, there is so much to do that I am never able to keep up with it all. One of our greatest needs is for more staff in the IT department. There is so much more that we could accomplish if we had more laborers here. Please pray for more the Lord to send us more people, and also for the Lord to multiply my time and give me wisdom so I can make great headway on the most important things.

Recently I have been coordinating a project to set up a new software program called Sage HRMS for our Human Resources department. Until now, they have been using

several spreadsheets to keep track of GFA's employee information, but now it will all be in one program. This will boost the accuracy of their data and the efficiency of their processes. Staff members will also have easier access to information about their records without having to take the HR department's time. This is the first major project I have coordinated. I have enjoyed learning how the new piece of software works and figuring out the best way

to set it up and get the data into it. I also find it exciting to help keep this project moving forward. Please pray for the Lord to give wisdom to Jeff and me in setting up the Sage program.



Above: Jeff, the HR Department coordinator, and me working on setting up the new software for the HR Department. This has been my first major project to coordinate.

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