

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)



Rob Gaebler's news from Gospel for Asia

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**Above:** Sometimes people ask me who I'm living with. Well, here they are! Austin, Shawn (who just moved in with us), David (who just moved out to become an SD house mentor), and me. All four of us are School of Discipleship alumni who returned on staff with GFA.

### Quotes from past School of Discipleship students

*My relationship with God went from being a part of my life to the very essence of who I am.*

-Shawn

*I have never before been challenged to yield my life to Him in such a total and absolute way!*

-Hope

*The GFA staff live out a radical devotion to God, and I picked it up from them.*

-me

Dear friends,

I want to thank you for your prayers and support.

Ten years ago, which of us knew where we'd be and what we'd be doing today? I certainly did not expect to be serving at Gospel for Asia! I thought I would end up being a math professor or something like that.

#### School of Discipleship

But God had different plans for me — and I'm glad He did! I

came for the one-year School of Discipleship (then called "Road to Reality Internship") in August 2005. It was an

awesome, intense year set aside to grow in the Lord Jesus and serve Him. I served alongside the GFA staff in the office and participated in the prayer meetings. I saw their lives of love and devotion to the Lord. I took discipleship classes, lived in community with other students and staff, and went on a trip to India. Throughout the year, I surrendered myself more completely to the Lord. Eventually, I knew God was calling me to join staff full time.

The School of Discipleship (SD) has really grown since then. A total of 146 students have graduated in its ten-year history, including 50 who have returned

on staff with GFA. A major recent development was the addition of a second year, "SD2," for those who want to continue. The second year program has more of an academic focus, with the purpose of giving students a stronger grounding for future ministry. I love the School of Discipleship, and I have been blessed to be involved with SD in several ways over the years. After I came on staff, I was a house mentor for two and a half years. I continue to be involved in a variety of evangelism activities with the SD students.

Last year, SD students handed out about 50,000 tracts and had many conversations with people about the Gospel!

I also am a support coach, helping incoming students with the process of raising support and preparing for arrival at GFA. I am currently coaching four young men: Austin, who is coming this month; Caleb and Mark, who are raising support to come back for SD2 in January; and Christian, who is already in SD2 and is raising support to come on staff. It is a privilege to serve and mentor these guys and to help them along their journey.

To find out more about GFA School of Discipleship, visit [gfa.org/schoolofdiscipleship](http://gfa.org/schoolofdiscipleship).

School of Discipleship students and house mentors with K.P. Yohannan and visiting speaker Francis Chan





**Above:** Most of the GFA staff have already moved out to the new campus.

## The Big Move

This month, Gospel for Asia is relocating to our new facility an hour east of here. One of the major reasons for moving to the new campus is to make it possible for the School of Discipleship to grow. As of this month, there will be a record 63 students enrolled, and Brother K.P.'s vision is to see 200 young people here at a time, serving and being discipled and equipped to go out and change the world for Christ. It will be much more practical and cost-effective to fulfill that vision with the new campus.



GFA's new admin building when it was under construction

This is an extremely busy time, with many details and logistics with the move of the admin building and all the staff families. Please hold us up in your prayers, that God would give us wisdom and that everything would work correctly.



Through Bridge of Hope and the loving witness of missionaries, many people in Asia are hearing about Jesus and having their lives forever changed by His grace.

## Grace too Great to Ignore

*Life is complicated, Chameli told herself again. Why should I entertain unnecessary thoughts?*

But ever since the 16-year-old had heard about Jesus at the Bridge of Hope center she attended, she couldn't stop thinking about her neighbors' religious practices.

*If there are many gods, which one is the true God? Why do some members of the community forsake their own people's god to worship the Christian God?*

Chameli was too afraid to ask anyone. Her parents would be annoyed at such questions, and her sisters were devoted to their deities. Sometimes, a Gospel for Asia woman missionary named Bahuratna visited the house, but even then, the presence of Chameli's parents and sisters held back her curiosity.

even told a bit of her own testimony.

Chameli envied the missionary's deep faith. When Bahuratna told her anyone could attend church, Chameli became excited. Bahuratna explained to her that the more time she spent with believers, the more she would learn about Christ's unfathomable love.

Chameli began attending church, spending time with Bahuratna and reading the Bible regularly. She sought God's Word for answers in every situation and saw how it transformed her life. Gradually, she came to realize how much she needed Christ's love.

### Grace She Couldn't Ignore

Chameli's parents confronted her when she decided to follow Jesus, but the teenager firmly told them, "I cannot ignore His grace."

Since embracing the Lord, Chameli hasn't missed a single church service, and as she grows in her faith, she prays that her family will also come to know why their daughter and neighbors follow the Christian God.

### An Envious Faith

One day, Bahuratna came to visit while Chameli's parents and older sister were away. As the two began to talk, Chameli gradually poured out her doubts and questions. Bahuratna answered by sharing the Good News of Jesus. She

*Dear friends,  
I am very grateful for your partnership in the work of the Gospel. I know that through your prayers and support, many people in Asia are coming to believe in Christ. I pray the Lord would fill you with joy and supply all you need.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Rob Gaebler*

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*I would love to hear from you!*