

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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Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers on my behalf and on behalf of GFA's ministry in Asia. I have been reminded recently that **one of the most effective things we can do with our lives is to pray**. And God is answering! I pray that you will experience God's great love and provision in your own life.

The Big Move

In August, I asked you to pray for Gospel for Asia's move to our new headquarters. Thank you for praying! The transition went very well, and we are mostly settled into our new office building and our new homes now. The campus is beautiful and it is a joy to be here.

Living in the same neighborhood as the rest of the staff and School of Discipleship students is a special blessing and makes it that much easier for our lives to be knit closely together. My roommates and I have enjoyed inviting people over to our house for dinner and fellowship several times already. Our permanent house hasn't been completed yet, so in the meantime we are living in another house on campus that was vacant.

Because of the recent transition, it would be easy for us to focus on our own lives and homes and circumstances. But our heart's desire is to keep our focus and to remember that God called us here

for the sake of billions who are perishing without Christ and not for our own sake.

1. Right: We packed everything in the old office into more than 900 crates.



2. Left: We moved everything to the new office and set it up.



3. Right: All the staff gathered to pray and dedicate the new admin building to the Lord.



Above: School of Discipleship students on the way to the office. In the background is the warehouse. Right: The admin building.



Above: Walking from the admin building to the Fellowship Hall where we hold our prayer meetings and meals.





Laying down Curlex® erosion control blankets to prevent further erosion.



Around the Office

I continue to work in the IT department on a variety of projects and smaller tasks. Recently I worked on improving the forms and processes that we use for our mailings. When a department, for example Church Relations, wants to send out a mailing to a group of people or churches, they fill out a Mailing Request Form. Then I set up the select criteria in our database for who will get the mailing. Finally, the Print Room prints the mailing and mails it out. The new forms and processes will be more efficient for all the departments involved.



Above: At work in the new admin building.

During our Saturday "work parties" on campus, I am now the team leader for erosion control. We lay down erosion control blankets where storm water has

cut ruts in the bare dirt left from construction. The blankets help prevent further erosion and provide ideal conditions for grass to grow up.



Above: Shanti found a strange book on the roof of her house. Reading it, she became convinced of God's love. Below: Now she and her family are believers, and she has been healed.



She Met God on the Rooftop

Shanti was sick for a decade, with seizures, tuberculosis, and unexplainable fears each night. "I almost became insane. ... I used to stay home weeping all day," Shanti said. "My two sons used to cry with me since I was not even able to cook food. They used to fear that I would die soon."

When her medications and all her prayers and rituals to her gods failed to help her, she gave up on her search for healing. "I told my sons to bring some acid," Shanti said, "so I could drink it and die."

Asking Christians for Prayer

Shanti's family didn't bring her acid, but they did watch as her situation grew more hopeless. Shanti's husband Madan decided they should visit some Christians living nearby to ask for prayer, and asked Shanti to go up to their terrace bathroom and wash up before they went.

The whole way up the stairs, Shanti thought, *I am not going to make it today. Surely I am going to die.* When she got to the roof, however, she found a book called *The Gospel of John* leaning against the wall.

Wife Reads Mysterious Book

"I started wondering how this book reached our terrace," Shanti said. "We didn't know any Christian who would give us this book."

With her family still waiting, Shanti

began to read the mysterious book and found she couldn't stop. Her heart filled with joy when she reached Christ's words in John 15:16: "You did not choose me, but I have chosen you." Assured of Jesus' love, Shanti wept as she went downstairs and showed the book to Madan. "I told my husband that this is the real God," Shanti said.

Couple Visits Missionaries

Full of hope, Shanti and Madan went to meet with the Christian neighbors: Balika and Sadhvi, who served as Gospel for Asia women missionaries, and a local GFA pastor, Kavi. The missionaries shared the Good News with the couple and invited them to come to church.

A few days later, the Lord appeared to Shanti in a dream, saying she would be healed. Believing Him, Shanti asked the missionaries to pray for her again. As Pastor Kavi, Balika and Sadhvi continued visiting and praying for Shanti, her health improved. After one month, Madan and her sons put their full trust in Christ, too.

Since she gave her life to Christ, Shanti's health problems have disappeared completely. And now, instead of crying with her sons while Madan goes to work, Shanti writes praise songs. She also spends much of her time reading the Bible—without which, she says, "I would not have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. By reading the Gospel according to John, I believed in Jesus Christ."

*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,
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