

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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Dear family and friends,

It has been a long gap since I wrote to you last. So much has happened! Thank you for your patience and your continued prayers – which are needed more than ever.

First of all, am delighted to announce that God has brought a wonderful blessing into my life by the name of Rebecca Schuttger. We started courting in March, and these last three months have been some of the happiest in my life! Our intention is to get married, though we are not engaged yet. I am still in shock from all this. Up until earlier this year, I intended to remain unmarried in order to serve the Lord with undivided devotion. But God clearly showed me that Rebecca and I could serve Him more effectively together.

Rebecca has served on staff with GFA for about a year and eight months, most of which have been in IT. She grew up as one of seven homeschooled children in a Christian family, just like me. We have quite a bit in common in our interests and personality.

But most importantly, Rebecca is deeply devoted to Christ and has a lifestyle of prayer, love for God's Word, humility, eager service, submission, discipline and simplicity. I have long admired her, and am blessed beyond measure that God is bringing our lives together. We are a great encouragement to each other. Right now is a



For our first date, I took Rebecca to fields of bluebonnets, her favorite flower



very special time when our hearts are singing with joy. As Rebecca put it, our lives are like a beautiful Bach fugue.

Rebecca and I have enjoyed some great times together, though we never seem to have enough time! After learning that Rebecca's favorite flower is the bluebonnet, I took her on our first date to the Bluebonnet Festival in Ennis. We drove charming country lanes and

saw the fields of blue. On another weekend, we had a nice visit to her family near Austin. But I'll confess that the car rides themselves were some of my favorite parts of those trips, because I can't get enough of talking with Rebecca.

Will you please pray for Rebecca and me as we seek God's blessings and guidance for our relationship? From the beginning, the main things I have sought and prayed for our relationship are (1) God to be glorified, (2) Christ to be at the center, and (3) the Gospel to be advanced.



Worshipping the Lord at Rebecca's house on Resurrection Sunday

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
Selah
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
(Psalm 67:1-2)*

The Lord gave Rebecca and me this verse the day we started courting. May our relationship be for the glory of God among the nations.

Serving Sacrificially

“Building the Kingdom of God, which is not of this world, requires sacrificing of things of this world. For no significant things can be built for eternity without a price being paid. – K.P. Yohannan

IT Updates

My biggest responsibility in the office the last four months has been coordinating a massive project, namely upgrading StudioEnterprise, the core software used by the ministry for tracking all our donors and transactions. I already told some of you about this project; thank you so much for praying. It involved quite a bit of setup, extensive testing, and coordination with several departments. By God’s grace, the upgrade went much more smoothly than past upgrades. The bug fixes and enhancements in the new version will help the GFA staff to be even more efficient in their work, as we labor together to see the Gospel go forward.

Dave, who has led the IT department

for the last 30 years, will be retiring from GFA next month. We will very much miss him.

Jonathan, who joined the ministry earlier this year, is stepping up to take his place. Jonathan brings many years of experience in IT and has some great ideas. I look forward to working with him. *Please pray for much wisdom for Jonathan as he leads IT.*



Two redheads in IT now! Jonathan is the new IT department coordinator.



Above: Grief at the loss and devastation caused by the quakes turns into ...

Below: gratitude at the help provided by Gospel for Asia workers

Nepal Earthquake Victims Receive Help

On April 25 and May 12, two massive earthquakes shook the nation of Nepal, claiming over 8500 lives and causing extensive damage.

Gospel for Asia-supported workers were on the ground when the earthquakes hit. They were able to provide aid immediately. With a wide reach of 450 churches and 20 Bridge of Hope centers, GFA is in a unique position to provide aid where others cannot.

On May 28, a Gospel for Asia Compassion Services team flew to Sherpagaon, a village of approximately 150 people. Sherpagaon lies near the Langtang Valley, where landslides caused by the earthquakes have killed hundreds of people.

The villagers had seen landslides mow down vast stretches of land and witnessed large rocks falling toward their village. For several days, all the villagers had lived together in a tent, afraid falling rocks would kill them.

Although the people of Sherpagaon can walk five hours to another village for food and aid, the route is vulnerable to falling boulders, and the villagers consider the trek too risky.

The Compassion Services team



reached Sherpagaon via helicopter, taking two trips to bring relief supplies. In total, the team distributed 1,100 pounds of rice, 220 pounds of dal, 88 pounds of salt, 120 packets of noodles, 30 bars of soap, 30 matchboxes, and cooking oil.

Overwhelmed by the help, the villagers said, “It is like God has sent you with these rations.”



*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!