

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,

I have much to give thanks to God for. It is so encouraging when we hear about the great work of God on the mission field. Recently we heard some very exciting news from a restricted country in which GFA's work is underground and we hardly ever hear any news. To our joy, we learned that there is a thriving church of 500 people that has been established in that nation! And I am very grateful to you for your partnership in this work through your giving and your prayers, without which I could not be here. Together we are enabling national missionaries to proclaim Christ in some very dark places.

### ENGAGED!

I am very happy to announce that Rebecca and I got engaged on June 20<sup>th</sup>! We are experiencing the sweetness of growing in intimacy and love, and we give thanks to God. Our wedding will take place on November 14<sup>th</sup> here at Gospel for Asia's campus.

I enjoyed planning the proposal. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca and I went for a nice walk and watched the sunrise. Then I read a love letter to her



**Left:** Breakfast with friends on the morning of the engagement

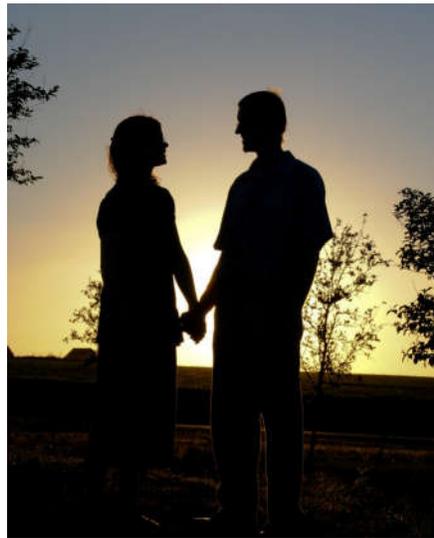
**Right:** Rebecca's cheeks were hurting from smiling all day



that I had given her three weeks prior but which she wasn't allowed to open until the date specified in a second letter ... which in turn she wasn't allowed to open until the date specified in a third letter. At the end of the letter, I asked her to marry me, and she said yes! We came back to my house for a surprise breakfast with a bunch of friends I had invited over. Rebecca and I practically floated the rest of the day. Since then, we have continued to enjoy many times together and with friends. Some of the memories we have made are Rebecca teaching me to drive a stick shift, picking blueberries, watching shooting stars, helping people move, doing evangelism, studying the Bible and praying together, and preparing for our wedding. *Please pray that our relationship would point to the Kingdom of God and that Christ would always be at the center.*

### What God is Teaching Me

Life is a vapor. And so are our possessions. My computer's hard drive crashed recently, and I lost many personal files including years' worth of pictures. I took my disappointment to the Lord and meditated on our transience and God's power in Psalm 90. Then I prayed for what ultimately matters – God to accomplish His work and show His glory: "Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children." (Psalm 90:16)



**What I am Reading:**

*“Poverty-stricken as the Church is today in many things, she is most stricken here, in the place of prayer. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few pray-ers ... Failing here, we fail everywhere.”*

— Why Revival  
Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill



School of Discipleship brings young people in close contact with the heart of Christ and the GFA staff that is devoted to Him

*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 rich love of Christ fill your hearts.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Rob Gaebler*

## Changes in IT

Over these past few weeks, we in IT have been in the process of learning a new workflow for our many tasks and projects. Jonathan, our department coordinator, understands the tension that comes from needing to give undivided attention and focus to a multi-step project, while at the same time needing to respond to interruptions and short-term fixes for other issues. Being in IT brings both projects and “interrupt work.” He researched extensively for ideas and software we could use to balance these competing responsibilities, and a few weeks ago we officially moved from our old ticketing system to this new workflow.

The overall picture is that during the mornings we knock out “interrupt work” (tickets that don’t take long to complete as well as high priority issues), then in the afternoons we focus on projects. There has been a bit of a learning curve, but as we’re getting familiar with



Jonathan, LaMott, and John working on some issue together

the processes we are finding that, in general, this workflow helps us get more requests completed in less time than before.

Another major change in IT is that John is leaving staff after this week. He is one of our programmers and has been a core member of the IT team at GFA for seven years. We will sorely miss him. *Please pray for the Lord to bless him and his family as they move on, and for me and the rest of the IT team to be able to effectively fill the hole that John leaves.*

## Calling Young People

**We are praying earnestly that God would bring 100 people here for School of Discipleship in January.**

Why, you ask? Well, as you may recall, GFA’s School of Discipleship (SD) is a one-year program for single adults between the ages of 18 to 27 to grow deep in their walk with the Lord, serve alongside the GFA staff, and make a real impact on the mission field. Many young people have had their lives radically changed during their year here — including mine when I first came here as an SD student ten years ago.

Much of the learning comes from rubbing shoulders and serving and praying with the GFA staff as we follow the Lord — discipleship that is “caught” and not just “taught.”

Brother K.P. has a huge vision for how God can work mightily through the



A recent picture of SD students and students who’ve returned on staff

lives of young people who make themselves available to Him.

My question for you is this: **Do you know of anyone who might desire to give a year of their life in this way?**

The deadline to apply for the January 2016 class is Oct. 31st. There is much more information at [gfa.org/schoolofdiscipleship](http://gfa.org/schoolofdiscipleship). If you know someone who’d like to chat more about SD, I’d be happy to do so by phone or email!

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