

# PROCLAIM

Psalm 40:10

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## Hello friends and family,

Sometimes people ask me what I'm going to do after this year of School of Discipleship. In case you're wondering that too.... **I'm excited to announce that I have been accepted on staff with Gospel for Asia!**

God has given me a passion for missions, and especially for India. Before and during our trip to South Asia last fall, the Lord confirmed that He wanted me to continue serving in ministry here at Gospel for Asia. Then, God directed me to be a student for another year, and this year has been an incredible time of equipping and growth. And now, the next step God has shown is coming on staff, continuing to serve Him and help reach the lost in Asia!

My first year of SD in Canada pushed me out of the nest. I had to decide whether I wanted to follow Jesus and serve Him because that's what my family does, or because that's what I was going to choose. And I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back.

It's a privilege to be part of a family who serves the Lord. Dad and Mom have been so influential in living out what it means to follow Jesus and to serve Him, and I'm so grateful for their example.

So what's the plan? The big picture plan is to keep running hard after Jesus, with everything I've got. :) Also as I finish this SD year (by God's grace!), I'll work on raising support for staff.

## Support Update

**80%**

Every time I get a support report, it amazes me to see how generous you are, and how faithful God is! Thank you! Currently, I'm at 80% of my support for the second year of SD, with only about \$1,500 left to raise.

Staff support is a little different than student support. Rather than a total cost for the year, I have a monthly goal amount for my staff support. Would you prayerfully consider continuing to support me to come on staff?

I'm seeking to partner with more awesome people like you, who will commit to give each month. You can pledge \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100 a month, as you are able. Please keep supporting me with your prayers too! That's just as important as financial support. :)

I appreciate each one of you so much. Thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts, and hugs over these past couple of years. I couldn't be here at GFA without you!

## Moving to the East Campus!

I recently read a devotional from Our Daily Bread, and Anne Cetas said, "*When we feel the stress of the storm we learn the strength of the anchor.*" Right now I'm in the thick of it, and I'm feeling the stress of the storm. It seems like everything is crazily busy and fighting to overwhelm me. Yes, some days are harder than others, but yes, the Lord is still faithful. Hallelujah!

As I write, all of the GFA staff and students are in the midst of transition. On August 1, the 40-some School of Discipleship students moved out to the East Campus. The Christofferson family moved on August 16. And soon, we'll all be out there!

*“When we feel the stress of the storm we learn the strength of the anchor.*

*-Anne Cetas*



My new address is 1001 Peace Ave, Wills Point, TX 75169. I live with 6 other girls; some are my current classmates, and some are new SD2 students! I hope to introduce them to you soon. :)

I am really excited about living on the campus and being in the new office. And some other exciting news is that new SD classes are beginning soon! The August 2014 first year class, arriving in a few weeks, has 26 young men and women, and the second year class has nine. This is a busy time right now, so would you be praying for us staff and students here at GFA?

## Support Online

[www.gfa.org/ht/elch](http://www.gfa.org/ht/elch)

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## Clean Water on the Mission Field

Imagine coming inside from a hot summer day and pouring yourself a tall glass of ice water. Now imagine you're one of nearly 1 billion people worldwide without access to clean water—and your “refreshing” drink looks more like what you'd find in a dirty fishbowl.



3.4 million people die each year from water-related diseases



globally, women spend 200 hours a day collecting water.



GFA's clean water ministry is delivering clean, disease-free water to families across South Asia because of people like you! Jesus Wells and BioSand water filters give families and communities safe drinking water and save lives.

*“Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” - John 4:14*

The Lord has used Jesus Wells profoundly. The water is freely offered to all, regardless of their religious background. But His love, demonstrated so clearly through the Jesus Well, makes such an impression on the people's hearts that many choose to follow Him.

(Information from [www.gfa.org/water](http://www.gfa.org/water))

## Declare Conference

At the beginning of August, I went to the Declare Conference!

Declare is a Christian women's blogging conference in Dallas, TX, and Thomas, Sara, Clara, Natalya, and I went to represent GFA. I was involved in some of the preparations for the conference, and I really enjoyed ordering books and supplies, making



gift baskets, writing emails and blog posts, and lots of other things. :) We hosted a Veil of Tears movie night, gave away Be Her Advocate kits, told people about Gospel for Asia and our blogging program Blog for Asia, got to hear some great speakers, and overall had a great weekend. Please pray for God to continue bringing fruit from Declare.



### Praise the Lord!

- I've been accepted to come on staff at Gospel for Asia!!
- So many moves going smoothly
- Going to the Declare conference
- All the new students who are arriving
- My parent's house sold really quickly!

### Prayer Requests:

- The 35 new students arriving in August – pray for prepared hearts, support raising, and the SD staff
- For grace, strength, and peace during the transition
- For wisdom and time management with classes, work, and support raising
- For me to continue to know the Lord more deeply



These photos give you a little glimpse into a few things I've been up to recently. One of my dear friends Emily visited from New Zealand, another friend Karlynn graduated from School of Discipleship, I cut 12 inches off my hair to donate, group photo time with all of the SD students, and Francis Chan visited GFA and shared with us about having an eternal perspective.

I love you all, and I am praying for you!