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Psalm 40:10

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Hello friends and family,

Greetings from the land of East Texas! I'm writing to you from my new desk in the GFA office, now in Wills Point, TX.

The transition has been, well, a transition. Some parts have been smooth and some bumpy. In the midst of the change and adjustments it's been a battle to look up at Jesus and have the right perspective. I recently read Psalm 23 in my morning reading, and was again reminded of the promise in verse 4 - *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."*

The move has helped me realize the pride in my heart and my attempts to be sufficient in myself, rather than trusting the Lord. Living by my fleshly strength always fails. I have to come back to Jesus and cling in utter dependence to Him! Even when there is so much change, and I respond the wrong way... the Lord is faithful to reveal these things in my heart and show me how to grow. I can let go of holding onto "my own way" and trying to control things, and truly trust in Him.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." – Proverbs 3:5-6

Through this whole transition, I want to remember the purpose of our move. We came here not because of our comfort, or that it's easy, or that we can see the stars at night. We came here because we can serve the Lord and reach the lost more effectively.

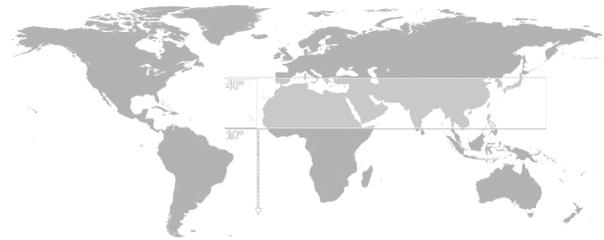
Other Important Life Happenings

I also want to introduce you to my housemates! I live with 6 wonderful ladies, and from left to right starting at the top; their names are Taylor (from Arkansas), Rebekah K (California), Melody (Ohio), Trula (Oklahoma), Rebekah S (California), and Damelia (Jamaica). Each one of these girls is beautiful inside and out. I'm blessed to get to live with them!



How you and I are linked to Asia

I serve full-time in the GFA Web Department, in addition to taking SD classes. I don't always explain much of what I do or how it's linked with reaching Asia, so I want to take some time and do that.



Right now the main things I work on are: GFA Canada social media (writing and posting several times a day) and Blog for Asia (a program for bloggers to use their voices to make a difference in Asia). I am also learning some web design, getting my toes wet with Google Adwords (advertising with Google), and helping make Veil of Tears follow up calls.

That gives you a small picture of my role in Web. By serving behind the scenes at Gospel for Asia, my life is linked with over 16,000 national missionaries serving in more than 10 Asian nations. I found this awesome explanation in the SD support brochure:

"Working in the ministry as a GFA School of Discipleship student, I represent more than 200 of these missionaries. My role behind the scenes is absolutely essential in helping win the battle for souls on the field. Think of it this way: The soldier who fights on the frontlines has a team of people backing him up, keeping the supply lines open and enabling him to remain focused on the battle. Both the soldier and the team are equally important to the outcome of the war; one cannot survive without the other."

By partnering with me, you are part of that team! Thank you.

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Mission Field Story:

No More Stomachaches or Skin Rashes for Zahin's Village



In my last newsletter, I shared some facts and statistics about the need for clean water. I was encouraged by this recent report about a Jesus Well in one village impacting many!

The people in Zahin's village used to walk more than half a mile each way to get water. But when monsoon season arrived, the water would become polluted. To save themselves from the long walks and the bad water, the villagers dug small ponds near their homes to draw water—but the pond water was contaminated too.

Because the villagers used that water to drink, bathe in and cook with, they fell sick with stomachaches and ended up with skin conditions like ringworm and scabies, a rash caused by a small parasite.

"I used to spend a lot of money for medicine to cure my scabies and stomachaches," 19-year-old Zahin shared.

An Answer to Their Problems

Zahin is one of 36 believers in a church led by Gospel for Asia pastor Sharan Sen. The church earnestly sought the Lord for the provision of a Jesus Well for the impoverished village, and the Lord answered!

"The Jesus Well is a great help for us," Zahin shared. "Now we are saved from all kinds of diseases. We are indeed excited to drink pure water."

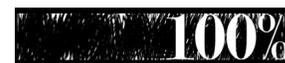
By God's grace, because of the clean water, Zahin doesn't suffer from stomachaches or scabies anymore, and he doesn't have to pay money to treat the illnesses.

About 180 people come to draw water from the Jesus Well every day. Most of the people in this village don't know Christ, and the Jesus Well stands to them—and to Zahin—as a testimony of God's kindness.

This story is from www.gospelforasia-reports.org.



Support Update



Guess what, I am 100% supported for School of Discipleship! This blows me away! God is faithful to provide, and thank you for your part in supporting me. With my SD2 year fully funded, I am beginning to focus more on raising support for staff. My suspicion is that the Lord will prove faithful again! And I know He will. :)

Will you support me to JOIN STAFF with Gospel for Asia?

Here's how you can help:

- **Pray!** Your prayers are so valuable.
- **Support** me financially, with a single gift or a monthly pledge (of \$25, \$50, or any other amount)
- Help **expand my group of contacts** by recommending your key friends

To give online, visit www.gfa.org/ht/elch.

To give by cash or check, make the check out to Gospel for Asia and include my support number #6665 and mail to GFA (address below.)

Praise the Lord!

- My health is doing much better
- We are getting settled into our new homes and the office
- My SD year is fully funded!
- BEAUTIFUL fall weather and the blessing of being in the country

Prayer Requests:

- For me to seek God's will for each day
- To finish SD strong
- Fruit from SD evangelism at the TX State Fair
- More lives in Asia to be blessed by clean water

Photos of my life

These photos show some other fun things I've been part of recently! A group of students shared the Gospel at the Texas State Fair on the first weekend, using the Million Dollar Eye test. Sarah, Jenny, and I enjoyed a fun date at Starbucks, and I was also blessed by the gift of Tim Horton's coffee. Meet Colleen, one of my sweet friends! We also met Lisa, Lisa, and Velm, the SD students from GFA Canada.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Love in Christ,

