



Grace in Action

Stories of God at work in and through the GIS community

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As a child, Kennedy Horton (Class of 2005) lived with his family in Pakistan, isolated from much of the outside world. This changed when his family was evacuated after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Moving to Chiang Mai and enrolling at Grace International School felt like paradise, Kennedy later said. “I had lots of mentors, peers and friends that followed Jesus. It was really good for me.” Some of Kennedy’s favorite memories at Grace include participating in sports, running to the top of Doi Suthep, and lifting a car through a system of pulleys in physics class. His senior year, Kennedy served on the student council as Student Body President.

At Grace, Kennedy enjoyed the positive input of the teachers and administrators. He recalls how, “they mentored me and helped develop me as a man.” His mentors at Grace taught him that “We cannot control life but we can control our decision-making. We therefore need to be wise and work hard.” These simple lessons helped him focus and persevere while achieving his Master’s in Business Administration at the University of Mississippi where he studied mandarin Chinese, international relations, and global economics. Kennedy applied these principals to a career in finance at FedEx global headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee.

Today Kennedy, his wife Caitlin, and their son live in Shanghai, China where Kennedy is the General Manager for the vitamin company GNC China. He will never forget the amazing impact that the staff and mentors at Grace International school had on his life.