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# MONGOLIA UPDATE

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# PRAYER POINTS

- \* Please pray that Genesis will have its registration as an education provider extended
- \* Pray for the school social workers that attend our professional development course, that they will be open to the Gospel
- \* Pray for the children and families whose lives have been impacted through the Winter Kits projects, that they will become disciples of Christ
- \* Please pray that believers in Mongolia will grow in maturity and be able to be an influence for Christ in their society
- \* Please pray for the children of this nation; that they will grow up into men and women of God

## GREAT COMMISSION TRAINING IN KHOVD PROVINCE

December 2014

Khovd province is one of the most isolated from Ulaanbaatar as its road system is undeveloped. However, 38 participants from 15 churches in 8 villages managed to attend, some travelling from very mountainous places and spending two days on the road.

The teaching team at this GCI was a good combination of giftings: Ps Naraa moves in giftings of spiritual warfare, intercessory prayer and Christ-like victorious lifestyle, whereas Ps Tsogoo is gifted in personal deliverance, evangelism and moving in the Holy Spirit, and Badmaa is gifted in areas of prophecy and teaching.

The training emphasized laying a solid foundation of Christian faith and lifestyle, and focused on teaching regarding the practical issues they face in daily life and how to live by faith. Many of the participants come from Buddhist or shamanist backgrounds and the majority have had alcohol addiction issues.



Much of the class time was spent on dealing with personal deliverance and spiritual warfare and finding freedom as a new creation in Christ.

## TESTIMONY

*Otgonbayar, businessman, Eternal Call church in Jargalant Village,  
Khovd Province*

These teachings touched my heart deeply from the first day so I felt to ask forgiveness from my wife and children for things that I have done wrong. I also sought reconciliation with our church founder and asked her forgiveness.

I felt a wonderful freedom in my heart from the burdens that had I carried for many years and decided to say "good bye" to my old self and walk in my new identity in Christ as a new creation. I rededicated my life to the service of the Lord, and will be a seeker of unity among our brethren.



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## FOOTSOLDIERS

**A PROGRAMME TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT RURAL PASTORS  
AND CHURCH PLANTERS IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM  
TO WORK FULL TIME IN THEIR CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES.**

**MUNKHGEREL IS THE PASTOR OF NEW LIFE CHURCH IN KHOVD TOWN, KHOVD PROVINCE. SHE HAS SERVED AS PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH FOR 10 YEARS.**

"Our congregation has had a busy winter. In November and December we worked with Genesis-AOM to distribute kits of winter clothing to families in need, and we also distributed food parcels to the poor in one suburb of our town.

At Christmas time, we celebrated the birth of our Saviour. Samitan's Purse gave Christmas gifts to many underprivileged children in our community. We are thankful to them for their generosity.

We had sufficient heating in our church building this winter thanks to a Korean congregation in Ulaanbaatar that donated a truck load of coal."



## TESTIMONIES

**KHANDAA:**

"I have served in the church since I became a believer. My son, Ariunbold, is a good singer and wanted to participate in a local concert put on by our regional children's centre. His teacher wanted him to participate this year in case his voice breaks next year. We had no money to buy him the costume he would need to perform in. But we decided we would enter him in the concert and would pray for provision. Everyone in the congregation helped us and we were able to obtain everything we needed for the concert. We are so thankful to God that he provided for us through his people."

**ARIUNBOLD:**

"I love singing, and it is a talent given to me from God. The believers in our church provided everything I needed to go in the concert. However, it was a two-hour show and would be performed twice, so I was afraid that it would be too much strain on my voice and was praying about that.

When the concert came, my voice was vibrant and strong and even though I sang several encores my voice didn't give out.

I'm so thankful to the Lord for the way he took care of me."

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# WINTER KITS

This winter, Kits were distributed in Khovd Province and in Ulaanbaatar City. Our partner in Khovd Province wrote about distributing the Kits.

“In November 2014, we had the pleasure of distributing kits of winter clothing to children in extremely poor families, what we call ‘half-orphan’ children (children with one parent living), in our locality. We had liaised with the local authorities to select needy families that would benefit from the project, and we visited those families in advance to ascertain whether they would be suitable for this project. From this time on, the children began counting down to the day that the distribution would be made. When they received their new clothing, they were delighted and filled with happiness and gratitude. All of them told us that they had never had such nice, warm jackets and boots before, and for most of them it was the first time that they had received new clothing.

The families of those children wondered what kind of God would put it in people’s hearts to give such a precious gift. The believers who distributed the clothing had the opportunity to share the Gospel with each family and pray for each child that received a Winter Kit. All of the children wanted to know more about the Lord, and they have all started coming to Sunday School. We praise God for this.

We distributed the clothing two days before the end of the autumn school holidays. The very next day Khovd province had its first deep snowfall of the winter. We truly praised God that the children had received their warm clothing in time. We are thankful to those who contributed funding, because they care for Mongolia’s children and were willing to help them. All the children who received Winter Kits have truly difficult and pitiful living circumstances, and we were blessed to be able to work together with the donors to help them. Thank you once again!”

## TESTIMONY:

Anudari (7th Grade) and her brother Azzaya (4th Grade) are classed as orphans. Their father was convicted of the 1st Degree murder of his wife and is serving a life sentence in prison. When we visited her house, she was dressed and ready for school, wearing a very old, worn-out jacket that was much too small for her. She was thrilled to receive a Winter Kit, and her grandparents cried with joy.



**Before and after receiving Winter Kits**



**Below: Anudari, with Ulzii, the project co-ordinator.**



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## LIFESKILLS VALUES TRAINING

*A project to impart values and develop good character in school aged children*

During the 2014 to 2015 academic year, LifeSkills classes have been running in Nalaikh Municipality of Ulaanbaatar city, and in Darkhan city. In Nalaikh, 185 children have participated in the training.

Each class lasts for 40 minutes, but because it is not possible to spend quality time with each child when the lesson is so short, we have established an afterschool club where the children can come out of school hours to spend time together and interact more with the teachers of the programme. In the afterschool club, the focus is on reinforcing the material covered in class time and doing activities such as handcrafts with the children.

In the afterschool clubs there is more freedom to present the Gospel than there is in the classroom setting.

Because the material has proven so popular with the children, their parents, and teachers, the Municipal Education Department has requested that we expand the project to cover all Grade 5 children in the municipality. We are thrilled at this offer and thankful to God for the increased opportunity to impact the next generation in Mongolia.

We will continue to run afterschool clubs to increase the influence we have on the children in this area.

### Testimony:

*Zolzayaa, Age 11*



*"I used to lie constantly. Now I understand that lying and deceiving others is not the right way to live. Instead of insulting others or using bad language, I'm trying to bless and encourage others by the way I speak."*

*"The most interesting character trait that we studied this year was Fairness. I really learned a lot from that and am trying to change the way that I behave. I've decided to be truthful, not be selfish, and to think of others and help them."*





## SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

So far this spring, Genesis has run three professional development training sessions for school social workers, covering a total of 110 social workers from over 100 schools in Ulaanbaatar city. The theme of the training was: "The Art of School Social Work – Environment, Resources, Results." Training was conducted by Genesis staff and social work professors from the Social Work Faculty of the National Pedagogical University.



The training took two days and covered the 11 topics identified by school social workers in preliminary research as most needing to be addressed.

Those who completed the training were given a personalised mug with words of Scripture printed on it as a memento of the occasion, and the Gospel message was briefly shared.

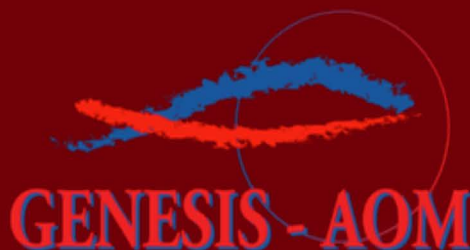
"This was a wonderful training, and I learned so many new things. It was helpful to be able to share experiences with more mature social workers and get their advice about the difficulties and frustrations that we face. I loved being able to share my thoughts freely and know that others understood what I was feeling. It was a very successful training," shared one trainee.

After many difficulties and delays, this training material was finally fully accredited with the Teachers' Professional Development Institute and the Ministry of Education, and Genesis was granted recognition as an education provider. This recognition has to be renewed annually, and we have just submitted our documentation to apply for a renewal.

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