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Following the end of our home assignment in August we are glad to be back living and working in Mongolia. As we adjust back to life in Mongolia, we find ourselves also needing to adjust to life in our new location in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar. Life here is of a more diverse flavor and faster pace and ministry of a larger scope with many opportunities for growth and expansion. With it come new blessings and challenges. Our children are now attending the American School of Ulaanbaatar, which is a school made up mostly of Mongolian students although lessons are in English. This provides the blessing of the kids being able to study in English without leaving the country to a distant boarding school. It comes with the challenges of making new friends and building cross-cultural bridges with kids who are speaking the same language but come from very different ethnic backgrounds and lifestyles. We are blessed with a nice apartment in a central location, but it is temporary and we will soon need to start the process of finding a new apartment to move into this spring.

Over the past two months we have been busy preparing two rooms at the Grain of Wheat Center to be used for biblical counseling and counseling training ministries. We have also begun to assist the Mongolian church that currently meets at the center and to help lead a couples' fellowship. With the counseling and training rooms mostly ready, we have begun to schedule training with a number of interested church leaders at the end of November. The pictures below include some stories about what God is doing to change lives here in Mongolia. It is our joy to experience this spiritual fruit, our hope to see much more in the future, and our pleasure to share it with you. As always, much of the important information we can share is included in the prayer requests below.

Thanks so much for your support and prayers!! Check out our website at its new address for additional information and specific ways to partner with us through prayer, care, finances, short terms teams, and ongoing connectedness. If you are interested in supporting a specific project or need, we have a new list and description of these opportunities in our PARTNERSHIP section, finances page located [here](#). Note that our website is now at a new address (.com changed to .info): www.LiberdaFamily.info

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for the kids as they continue to adjust to a new school and their new home in the city. Pray for them to establish wholesome friendships. (see photo below)
- Pray for fruitful ministry as we help lead a couples' group, a protection home for young women in need of a sheltering place to live, and assist with the Seed of Faith Mongolian church that meets at the Grain of Wheat Center.
- Pray also for wisdom and fruitfulness in our efforts to establish family and counseling ministries here in Ulaanbaatar. Praise God that the ministries we worked to establish in Darhan are expanding in strength and scope.
- Pray for an outpouring of support for the ministry projects and goals we will be raising funds for this month and in the months to come.
- We praise God for the healing of Undraa. Read her story along with the picture below.
- We praise God for the salvation of Uuree who confessed faith in Christ at the couples' group this past Saturday evening (see photo below).
- Every two years our C&MA organization in Mongolia must renew its registration with the government in order to maintain permission to operate in Mongolia. Right now that permission is in the balance as we are evaluated. If permission is denied, many of our workers will have to find other visa platforms for access or leave the country. Pray for renewal of our NGO certificate.



First day of school, American School of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



Reunited with old friends - Miriam and Zulaa



Uuree and her husband Tushgee attended a family camp last summer. This past Saturday they attended the couples fellowship that meets at our Grain Of Wheat Center in Ulaanbaatar. As men and women split into separate groups to discuss biblical principles related to marital faithfulness, Uuree shared with the group of women her desire to know God. God was visibly working in her heart as she expressed her desire to become a believer in Christ. She proceeded to commit her life to God that very evening. Pray for her growth as a new believer. Pray that her husband will also choose to believe in God.



Undraa has been a counselee at our Darhan biblical counseling center. She was a nonbeliever when she first came, and through the course of counseling came to faith in Christ. Recently she was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Undraa was facing death, and through counsel and encouragement was able to take comfort in her hope and faith in Christ. However, she was scared and in anguish for her two children, who she would be turned over to an orphanage. Church leaders and members were gathered to pray for her according to the pattern given to us in James 5. We prayed, believing and trusting God for the outcome. A week later, after returning to Ulaanbaatar, we received the joyful news that Undraa had experienced remarkable healing. She was now expected to live. Undraa confidently attributes her healing to powerful and effective prayer and to the Lord Jesus our Healer. We pray that with her extra time in this world God will use her testimony to lead many others to Himself.



Tuugii has been working part-time at our Darhan counseling center, and it is our hope that funding can be provided to hire her full-time. Her role will be to make the most of growing opportunities in the public sector by helping to promote and expand our Biblical counseling ministries in schools, prisons, and medical centers.



Brent shares a message of encouragement and challenge to Biblical counseling trainers and potential new trainees. Over fifty people were in attendance at this recruiting event for the next group to be trained and mobilized into counseling ministry. Most of the participants are elders and leaders from local churches. They represent many different organizational affiliations, indicating the growing unity and interest in equipping church leaders and thus expanding the Church's capacity for helping people to experience meaningful, genuine, and lasting change.