



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
**RITCHIE FAMILY**  
 BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO **MONGOLIA**

December 2017



**Happy New Year!** Praise God for a fruitful season of ministry around the holidays. Since October, we've had three more people saved, and many others are making good decisions in their lives for the Lord.

**-Dagvaa** is a young person who has been attending our church for several years. He finally recognized his need for salvation and with many tears, he prayed to receive Christ! He continues to attend church faithfully.

**-Munkhod** is an elementary school English teacher who was worried about what his colleagues would think if he became a Christian. He finally swallowed his pride and approached me with his need. That Sunday he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and now he is making new friends in our College and Career group.

**-Tserenbat** is a security guard befriended by one of our members. He came to our services for the first time and received Christ all in the same day, which is very unusual here. He has been faithful to church since that time. Please pray for his wife and children's salvation.

**We have seen excellent growth** in our College and Career group as well as the children's ministry at Khan-Uul Baptist Church. This month we will begin a ministry for teens. These are all key demographics for outreach here because Mongolia has a very young population. With the expansion of the ministry, we ask that you would please pray that we can find more space!



**We are saddened by the news** that the Whitener family will not be joining us again. Their visa possibilities have remained narrow, and because it has been nine months since they were forced to leave, they feel that God is moving them to a different field of service. With gratitude for their help during the two and a half years that they were here, we wish them great fruitfulness in their future ministry.

**We are thankful for the Webber family** who has been able to secure a three-year visa and will be partnering with us for now as they study the language and culture. Their service and influence have already been instrumental in the growth that we are seeing in our church. Please pray for their studies and swift acclimation as they settle into life in the coldest capital in the world!



**Our Bible translators** have remained busy and there has been much progress since training in October. All the people and place names (2670, or 1 in 4 words of the Old Testament) have been transliterated from Hebrew while comparing with existing Mongolian traditions to create a list. Over sixty chapters have a completed first translation. I am in the office nearly every morning, and it is exciting to see the careful work and attention to detail that our team is exhibiting. Please pray for great progress in this new year!



**Fountain of Love Baptist Church** is thriving, and they are seeing growth in attendance as well as the spiritual maturity of their members. Some have stepped up to a more active participation in the ministry, and everyone has joined together financially and practically in the renovation of the building. Pastor Migaa has seen a positive reaction in the village as they become more visible. Thus far, there has been no governmental persecution. Please continue to pray for this new church plant.



**Many of you have expressed your care** and concern for Mary's health. We cannot thank you all enough for your prayers for her. According to the doctor, everything is OK, and there should not be any lasting damage. She has regained strength and is doing well. The kids are well, and they've

had a great winter break. Several are taking piano lessons, and they had their first piano recital last month. We took them sledding in Terelch National Park between Christmas and New Year's Day. Nothing like sledding when it's 20 below!



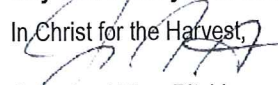
**We just had Vision Sunday 2018 at Khan-Uul Baptist Church** and many have been stirred to do more for the Lord in the coming year. Our theme is **"Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord"** from 1 Corinthians 15, and we look forward to a great year of growth. There are several who are considering church membership, and others I am approaching about taking some leadership in the Sunday School ministries. We are hoping for full and active participation from our members in the work and ministries of the church this year. Pray that people will grow in spiritual maturity as well as activity.

**In two weeks' time, we will have our very first Stewardship Conference**, the 19th-21st, and we would appreciate your prayers as we take this time to make some positive changes in and improvements to the ministries of the church. It has also become evident that we must establish a four-year Bible College to train leadership. We have been preparing for this, and we ask your prayers for the Lord's good blessing on this work.



**Thank you for your prayers, faithful support, encouraging communication and special Christmas gifts! We couldn't do it without you! May God bless you in this coming year!**

In Christ for the Harvest,

  
 Jason and Mary Ritchie  
 Katherine, Anthony, Sean, Emily,  
 Allison, Jenna & Madelyn

