

MOMENTS IN MONGOLIA

MINISTRY REPORT FROM THE RITCHIE FAMILY IN ULAANBAATAR



“...A great door...many adversaries.” 1 Corinthians 16:9

Greetings from the Ritchie family! As the cold season begins here in Ulaanbaatar, we rejoice in the warmth of God’s blessing on our work. I am sorry it has taken so long to update you. Thank you for your faithfulness to support and pray for our family.

We’ve seen another profession of faith! Purnee, a former judge who lost both her job and her husband in the past year came to church feeling hopeless but left rejoicing in new-found salvation. We rejoice with her! We’ve had a couple of baptisms, and as it turns out, they will be the last we’ll ever have at our basement church location.



Last time I wrote, we were experiencing flooding. After it finally dried up, mold began to appear here and there. We cleaned everything with bleach more than once, but the mold continued to come back. We were stripping some sections of wallpaper and people who are allergic began leaving services early. Something had to be done. The choice was between a remodel and moving... we felt God was saying “move!”

After a lot of looking around, we discovered that places to rent were mostly too big, too small or too far from where we needed to be. Then, as if coincidentally, (there are no coincidences with God) we were led to a perfect location with more space than expected but for half the going rate per square meter! This seemed like a unique opportunity.



After praying a great deal and discussing it with our pastors and the church, Chuck and I felt that we should move in. This space takes us closer to registering the church and school. Changing our location has definitely been a step of faith, but we believe God has led us to this place and we’ve needed the extra space even more than anticipated. In the past few weeks there have been many first-time visitors and a high attendance of 91.

Meanwhile, it’s good to have Bradley and Ashley Kubic and their children join us. They seem to be settling in well and they have begun language studies. Pray for their lessons and ministry as they help out. Their zeal and encouragement are a blessing to us all.



Faith Baptist College had a soft opening in September with full-time students and auditors enrolling for classes. Everyone is studying hard, and we just had our midterm exams. Needless to say, the weeks have gotten really busy: Monday, Tuesday and Saturday we’re teaching classes, Wednesday is prayer meeting, and Thursday is Bible Translation Committee so Sunday prep, family time and other ministry has had to fit in between! Please pray that we can find and keep a good balance in our schedule.



The Bible translation work is going well. We recently hosted Dr. Bill Patterson who walked us through the final draft process for the book of Jonah. Exodus and Leviticus are progressing and a first draft of 1 Samuel has just been completed. It was exciting to meet recently with a delegation of Chinese Mongolian pastors who are transcribing our work into the Old Mongolian script for use by the 5 million ethnic Mongolians in China. Please continue to pray for wisdom, strength and the blessing of God upon this important work.



Victories have not been without attacks of Satan. From opposition by the ecumenical movement here, to proposed government legislation against soul-winning, dog attacks, sickness, and persecution by unsaved family; our members have been facing some difficulties and trials. Often during these times, I have felt that someone is praying for us and it has made all the difference. Thank you for remembering us before the Lord! **“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” (Romans 8:37) AMEN!**

In Christ for the Harvest,

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

