

# Remember Mongolia

THE ANDERSON FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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"...YOUR NAME AND RENOWN ARE THE DESIRE OF  
OUR SOULS" ISAIAH 26:8



## The Plunge

### Prayer Bullets:

- Pray that all four of us will maintain a consistent and passionate walk with Jesus.
- Pray for grace as Jonathan and Cori start ISU on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pray that this will be a good year of school for both of them.
- Pray for us as we begin our second year of language study. Pray that we will quickly become proficient with using the Mongolian language.
- Pray for us in beginning to do leadership training with the Students in the UB church.
- Pray for a new location for the church to meet. The current location is not adequate, and has some serious maintenance problems.

Tonight, Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> was a pivotal night for the Andersons in Mongolia. Just over one year from our arrival and after only one year of language study, we met with the student church leaders regarding our involvement with the ministry here. Typically, this level of participation would not come for another year *after* the completion of formal language study. However, our dear friends, Jacob and Juhnny Kim who previously led this church had to return to the States for medical reasons. With the exception of the field director and office manager, we are the only ones in UB to take on this task.

We go into this with a multitude of emotions. On one hand, we

feel as if we just plunged into deep end. Tonight's meeting took place with the assistance of a translator, something that will be necessary for a while. We are definitely in way over our heads as far as language is concerned. Our cultural understanding is also still on the far end of the learning curve. On the other hand, this is what we believe we are called here to do – to train leaders and equip His servants for ministry. The young church leaders told us that they don't know how to be a church - but they want to learn. We could see concern in their eyes and hear it in their voices (though we could understand only a few words). Our prayer is that God will reassure these young people with His

presence, and that they will be strengthened as we begin to teach them the Word. The 'leaders' are quite young, ranging 21-24 years old. Many of them have only been believers for a few years. Most have unbelieving families. So the days ahead pose a great challenge for us. We are committed to Mongolian language study as our primary task and ministry for one more year. However, we are also committed to Tuesday evening leadership training meetings, to developing significant discipleship relationships with the various church leaders, and to helping them navigate this little church to a place of spiri-



Kathy, Cori and Jubilee

### Jonathan's Soccer Skill Demonstration



## Waning Days of Summer

The days are noticeably shorter and the nights are significantly cooler. The short Mongolian Summer is coming to an end. It has been quite a summer for all of us though! Renee' and Jonathan and Cori were able to go to the States for about three weeks. Jonathan went to the LIFE conference in Orlando and had a great time! You may read about his time there in [his blog](#). Cori and Renee' enjoyed reuniting with friends and family and were happy to eat some American food again! Renee' also had the opportunity to share our ministry here at our home church in Franklin, TN and in here parent's church in Adamsville, TN. They returned to Mongolia in time to celebrate Jonathan's Birthday (15 ... yikes) and were able to bring Kathy Neu (a friend from our home church) back with them. It was wonderful to spend time with Kathy and to watch Kathy make new friends here in Mongolia.

While Renee' and the kids were away, Bernie to the opportunity to head out to the Mongolian country side for a week of adventures and misadventures while visiting the pristine areas of the Arhaingai province. You may read about this trip

in a [series of blogs](#) on our [website](#). After a sweet family reunion and a birthday celebration, Bernie then went with another worker from Darhan, Pieter Theron, to teach at a church leadership camp in the mountains north of UB. The topic was "A Disciple's Heart and Servant Leadership". It was a blessed time of instruction and getting to know the leaders from the various C&MA churches in Mongolia. After camp, it was time again for our annual field forum. We had a wonderful opportunity to meet new team members, be refreshed in the Word and strategize for the future. We all enjoyed our time there, and it was a good break before coming back to the city and beginning to work more closely with the UB church. School begins again for all four of us on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. God is good to have given us such a restful and eventful summer, with such great memories. Your prayers for all four of us for this coming school year are greatly appreciated. **Thank you for partnering with us!**

## The Partner Page



Our ministry here could not take place with you. Your partnership with us in prayer over the past year has been a critical piece to our adjustment to life here and could not have done it on our own. "Prayer moves the hand the moves the world". We are grateful for your continued participation.

In this newsletter, we'd like to make some explanations and clarifications on how you may partner with us through giving. We are grateful to be a part of a sending organization like the C&MA that does not require us to raise support. While neither of us are overly comfortable "asking for money", the fact of the matter is that without your partnership with us through giving, we will not be able to accomplish what God has called us here to do.

Here is a run down of how you can partner with us through giving:

1. **GCF** - This is our bread and butter - and your regular contributions allow us along with the C&MA Missionary force to stay on the field.

2. **Outfit Fund\*** - We *wrongly communicated* in a previous newsletter that our outfit fund was finished because we had already purchased most of our household items here (furniture, appliances, winter gear, etc.) What we didn't understand before was that this is an ongoing fund that is needful to replace items that quickly break or wear out because of low quality (for example: Renee's mixer is already dead, save one slow speed) and how quickly we go through winter gear (the kids feet have grown since last winter - now they need boots). Our monthly allowance from the GCF is enough to cover monthly living expenses like utilities and groceries, but these kind of items really require additional income. Your contributions to our Outfit Fund will help us cover the ongoing expenses that are unique to living in Mongolia.

3. **Work Special\*** - We have not previously given this much explanation because as language students, there hasn't been a great need. However, this has all changed as we are becoming more involved with ministry in the UB Church. Our work special will help us to defray costs that arise in serving the Church here. Until we are more fluent in Mongolian, we will need to pay for translators. This will come out of our work special account. We will also be meeting with leaders on a regular basis. While there are no Starbucks in UB - we will be meeting with them either in our home or a local café. This expense will come out of work special. Your contributions will help with this cost.

4. **Vehicle Fund\*** - We are happy to announce that the Anderson's now have a car. After a year of scurrying around town in taxis and buses and trolleys that have to be pushed by hand (yes, I did that once), we are thankful that God has provided us with a dark green 1995 4WD Toyota Land Cruiser for our family's use. This is an ideal vehicle for the rough roads and rugged terrain of Mongolia. It has been nice to be able to get around on our own without having to rely on public transportation and other team members. With our recent new ministry assignment, having a vehicle has now become something that is necessary in order to accomplish what we need to in ministry as well. However, lest you think this vehicle is free... We acquired our new-to-us Land Cruiser from the mission, because another team member had to return to the States. We still must raise the funds to cover the cost of our car. **We need to raise \$12,000** in order to do this. That's where we could use your assistance. Would you pray about giving to our vehicle fund? When you do, this will help us to pay for our transportation both now and for years to come. Vehicle fund money will go into our vehicle account to pay down what is owed to the mission for our car. When the time comes that we need to sell this vehicle, we will then be able to use the proceeds from this one to purchase another. We really need your help on this!

You can give to each of these by giving through mail, your local C&MA church, or online with the links below using the following designations:

### [The Christian and Missionary Alliance](#)

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Colorado Springs, CO 80935

Mark your Donation:

[Bernie and Renee' Anderson Outfit](#) or

[Bernie and Renee' Anderson Work Special](#) or

[Bernie and Renee' Anderson Vehicle](#)

We will be bringing you up to date in future newsletters about other ways you can partner with us. In the meantime you might want to check out our new field website. Go to [www.camamongolia.org](http://www.camamongolia.org). There you will find all of the partnership possibilities in Mongolia. You can click on the [UB Ministry Center](#) page to join us with our vision to see our desire for the name and renown of Jesus to be seen in this city.

**\* Monies given to vehicle and outfit will be received for their designations in its entirety. Monies given for Work Special will be assessed a 15% administrative fee prior to coming to the field.**



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