

# Remember Mongolia

## The Anderson Family Newsletter

"...Your name and Renown are the desire of our souls"  
Isaiah 26:8

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One Year Later...



### Prayer Bullets:

- **Pray that all four of us will maintain a consistent and passionate walk with Jesus.**
- **Pray for us as we continue the daily routine of school.**
- **Pray for the leadership training class, held every Thursday night in our home.**
- **Pray for the girls Bible Study Renee' is holding for the Girls at church every other Saturday.**
- **Praise God we have a new and nicer place to meet! Continue to pray for God's provision of a UB Ministry center.**

## Thoughts and Thanksgivings ... One Year Later

Greetings! Yes, we acknowledge that this newsletter is a little late. There are several reasons for that. A key one being the demise of Bernie's laptop (see the [Partner Page](#)).

We have chosen to title this newsletter "One Year Later."

Yes, we realize it has been more than one year since we actually departed. It has been 1 year, 3 months, 21 days and 14 hours to be exact, but who's counting? The first three months or so were something of a whirlwind of adjustments, settling in and getting started in

a daily life here. In that time, we have had many new experiences, made many friends and even said goodbye to some. So, we each, in our own words, are going to share with you life with the Andersons in Mongolia...one year later.

## Cori: International Correspondent with a Cell Phone

Hi!  
I've been in Mongolia for more than a year now. Even in one year, things have changed. There are new people in my class this year and they are really nice. There are no famous people in my class this year like there was last year (i.e., the president of Mongolia's son who is now studying in China). Our class is really amazing this year because everyone in our class is friends with each other. I have classmates from America, Korea, Norway, Switzerland, India, Germany and Mongolia.

A year ago, I had not yet met my two best friends in Mongolia. I still miss my friends in the States, but Honorah and Jeannie are awesome, too. We love to go shopping and eat at Korean restaurants and stuff ourselves with candy. They haven't learned to like Dr. Pepper yet.

Then, there is our dog Sadie. We have had her a little over a year. Last year I really missed Chipper – and this year, too. Sadie is getting bigger and more affectionate. Cody, from our church in Franklin, is praying that she will be better behaved. I hope that is maybe starting to help.

I have my own cell phone. Actually, this is my second one because the first one fell on the floor a few times (a few hundred times). I like this one because I have personalized cool ringtones and it has a fun game on it that I like to play. Oh, and I can call and message my friends, too.

I am excited because soon I am going to be 13 and I'm going to have a party! Next week we are going to decorate for Christmas – cool!

I like Mongolia!

## Jonathan: Freedom for 10 Cents a Ride

I think that the past year of living in Mongolia has definitely had it's variety of experiences. I've had some of the best times of my life, and some of the worst times. I've made more friends than I ever had in the states, but I still miss my friends from America like crazy.

I miss a lot of little things, such as McDonalds and American commercials and football every Sunday. And some big things, such as Christmas time with my

grandparents and going to the beach every year.

I do enjoy the freedom I have here and how I can always go pretty much anywhere I want in the city for about 10 cents. I enjoy playing soccer with my friends from youth group, and am thinking about going out for the soccer team with my school this spring. All in all, I enjoy living here a lot and I'm glad I do.



Cori at your service

Jonathan doing what he loves most



## Renee': A Sunny Disposition

One year later...

I continue to forget most of the vocabulary words I learn...  
*But I've memorized what page they are on in the dictionary.*

I've managed to learn how to drive in UB traffic...  
*But not how to maintain my usual sunny disposition while doing so.*

I've learned that if I don't want to have a sore throat...  
*I shouldn't drink cold beverages and that if I get cold my kidneys will be sick (peculiarities in Mongolian health care).*

I'm finding my self settled in...  
*But more homesick than ever.*

I miss the ladies in my home church a lot...  
*But I'm becoming more endeared to the girls in our new church.*

I miss doing Beth Moore Bible studies with my girls in Franklin...  
*But I am thrilled to be doing the study on Daniel with other missionary ladies in the city and getting to know them. And we all talk – a lot!*

I'm feeling more and more comfortable in my kitchen...  
*But I'm becoming more and more frustrated figuring out how to keep my oven from burning everything I bake while keeping a gooeey center .*

I'm discovering that life brings many difficult changes...  
*But Jesus is the constant.*

I've learned that even though I love my children immensely...  
*Jesus loves them more and I can trust Him.*

I have realized that if I only focus on the difficulties and challenges I'll live in a constant state of depression...  
*But if I focus on the One who called me I can be content.*

I would soooo love to eat at McDonalds...  
*But when I had the opportunity it was torture.*

I am learning that I can't have all the conveniences and luxuries and "stuff" I had in the States...  
*But I can still be content.*

On the other hand, I can decide to focus on the things I miss...  
*But my dissatisfaction will be contagious.*

When Paul said "God is able to make all grace about to you in all things and at all times" he meant **all** things and **all** times...  
*But the choice is mine.*

I am so excited! I'm getting opportunities to write and teach Bible studies, something that is my favorite job to do ever...  
*But now I'm getting paid to do it. I've never had a job I enjoyed more.*

## Bernie: Vapor

I must say that it hardly seems like a year has gone by since we left home and came here. Time goes by so quickly. I was looking at pictures of Jonathan and Cori taken when we first arrived, and I'm amazed at how much they've changed and grown over a short 15 months. It's quite astounding really. A few weeks ago I entered into the fourth decade of my life, and in a couple of weeks both of my little kids will officially be teenagers. Truly God's Word is right on target when it says that all flesh is like grass, a vapor, flowers of the field. Here today, gone tomorrow. We're not on this lonely planet for very long at all.

I must say the greatest challenge for me over the past year has been that of doing what I can to help my children adjust. As you can see by reading their entries on the previous page, they've come through that adjustment with great fortitude. I confess that I am downright proud of both Jonathan and Cori for the way they have persevered, made friends, made the best of the situations in front of them and have become quite at home here in Mongolia. Jonathan rides the public taxis and trolley cars by himself, with confidence. Cori wants to spend her weekends "hanging out" with friends. They're both regular city folk now.

It has also been good to find myself more and more in partnership with my wife. I enjoy seeing Renee' do her thing in Bible studies and women's discipleship. She has been an indispensable help to me in preparing for our weekly leadership meetings. I love my partner in crime (and ministry!). Our friendship has strengthened over this year. For that I am grateful to God.

It's been a whirlwind year, in many ways. We are learning a language and a culture—and lest anyone tell you otherwise, this is hard, draining work. However, we are seeing progress, and maybe the faint glow of a light at the end of the proverbial tunnel. We've been asked to step up our ministry duties a little earlier than expected, and this has it's good and bad aspects. We were sorry to say goodbye to our colleagues in UB, but we are happy to be building deeper relationships with the students God has us working so closely with. In all of this here's what has crystallized as the bottom line issues for me:

1. Jesus is faithful
2. His loving-kindness really is better than life.
3. His name and renown are indeed the desire of my soul.

There is really nothing else that matters. These are truths I have learned more deeply this past year ... and they are the same truths I want to continue to learn for the next year, and every year for the rest of my time as a vapor on the earth: looking forward to the day when we will see what's on the other side of the shadowed glass.  
(I Corinthians 13:12)



# The Partner Page



We are actively seeking individuals, churches and Districts who would like to partner with our ministry and with the C&MA in Mongolia. We believe that partnerships take on many shapes and sizes and we are asking each of you to prayerfully consider what a partnership with Mongolia might look like for you! This page of our newsletter will always contain information and ideas for practical ways you may partner with us or with the field. You may always view all of the Mongolian Field partnership opportunities at [www.camamongolia.org](http://www.camamongolia.org).



*This month* we would like to call your attention to an immediate need that we are facing. Earlier this year I (Bernie) was charged to put together the aforementioned website for the field. Prior to finishing, my computer quit working, and is now in an irreparable state until we can get it to the States (and even then, it will be quite expensive to fix). Right now we are trusting the Lord for funds to purchase a new **computer** for use here. If there are those who would wish to partner with us on this project, you may give to either our [Outfit Account](#) or to our [Work Special Account](#), as funds from either of these could be used to purchase a new computer.

*We appreciate your partnership with us in this!*

Check us out Online at  
[www.remembermongolia.org](http://www.remembermongolia.org)

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26:8

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We will be bringing you up to date in future newsletters about other ways you can partner with us. In the meantime remember 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.

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