

# Remember Mongolia



## PRAYER BULLETS:

- *Pray that all four of us will maintain a consistent and passionate walk with Jesus*
- *Pray for Jonathan and Cori as they spend some time with family and friends in the US and as they prepare for a new school situation next year.*
- *Pray for the leadership training class every Thursday night in our home*
- *Pray for the girls Bible study that Renee' is holding for the girls of our church every other Saturday.*
- *Pray for God's provision and wisdom as we establish the Ministry Center in Ulaanbaatar.*
- *Pray for God's provision in our vehicle fund*
- *Pray for the Summer camps (Church leadership camp and youth camp)*

## What's Next for the Andersons?

### The Times They Are A-Changing

**...For Jonathan and Cori...**

By the time you read this, Jonathan will have completed the tenth grade and Cori the eighth grade. They have spent the last two years at the International School of Ulaanbaatar. Changes are in store for them as well. After considerable prayer we have determined that they will not be returning to ISU next year. They will be participating in a Homeschool Coop and doing their studies online with Keystone International High School. Keystone offers more courses in the areas of their interests as well as Honors Courses and Advanced Placement Courses. Cori will be allowed to continue her Chinese language study, but Jonathan is not required to continue French!

While this is a change for them, they have already established many friendships at the Coop and will be able to continue other interests as well, such as soccer, guitar and drama (for Cori). Another advantage is that it will allow us much more flexibility in our schedule.

Of course, what is at the forefront of their attention right now is their visit with their grandparents here in UB until Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. At that time, they will be returning to the US to spend the summer working and spending time with friends and family. They will come back here at the end of July with a short term team from our home church, Faith Community Church.

## ...And For Bernie and Renee'...

It's hard to believe that the season in our life that was formal language study is almost over. Please note this does not mean we have reached a great level of fluency by any stretch of the imagination. In a sense it seems that we have just built a foundation that we can start learning to speak and understand real world Mongolian.

duhhh..." answer. The truth is, that we aren't quite sure what that looks like. The big picture is a Community Center(s). As we've prayed and observed and assessed the needs, this seems the best strategy to reach the city for Christ. Therefore, the next few months will be a discovery process of how this will all take place. More on that in the next article.

So...what IS next? This is a critical question, because "next" is the reason we spent two years learning the language. "Next" is the reason you have sent us and supported us with your prayers and giving. "Next" is why we have stuck it out when it has seemed impossible and we wanted to give up.

In the immediate future, we will be having a trial "empty nest" run with our kids gone for seven weeks. During that time we will be busy with completing school (June 27), teaching at two camps (church leaders and youth) and preparing for and welcoming four new missionary families to Mongolia. Be sure to be watching the CAMA Mongolia website over the next few weeks, as they will be introduced there.

Officially, "next" is UB ministries. Yes, we know that is a "Well,

<http://www.camamongolia.org>



### Random Cow Crossing



Prior to April 28, this is the picture that came to mind when we heard the word "Crossroads:"



### Crossroads Fellowship Vision Trip



Now it's this picture



#### Crossing the Roads: Vision Trip

On April 28<sup>th</sup> we hosted our first short term team. Crossroads Fellowship Church in Clarksville, TN came on a vision trip to see how God would have them partner with the work here in Mongolia.

After a crash course in Mongolian language and culture, they left the city for Darhan. There they visited with the CAMA missionaries and toured the work at the Project center and ABTC. They went to recess with the MK school and pumped water at a well that is part of the Clean Water project. Then on to Erdenet where they met with two of the ladies in the church there. They hooked up with Jeremy Bergevin and visited his family in Bulgan.

After returning to UB and worshipping at the Seed of Faith church, we went to Hustai and had the privilege of sleeping in a ger for the first time. They were able to assist with speaking practice at the ESL class and now all of our students speak English with a southern accent (just kidding). Their last full day was a whirlwind tour of the city and then fellowship with the church leaders in the evening.

We believe this could be the beginning of a beautiful relationship (partnership).

### A Center in the City Center Urban Refuge

In less than one month we will be finished with two years of formal language study. Gone will be the days of getting up and going to school everyday. Gone will be the days of assignments and practicums and tests. There is a sense in which that will be a relief. There is another sense in which we don't feel the least bit ready to move from being language students to full blown ministry. A wise colleague and friend has said, "after language school you have the foundations that allow you to begin learning the real language of the people", and the truth of that is becoming more evident.

We've recently spent much time praying and discussing our ministry assignment. We have been officially given the somewhat vague assignment of "Ministry in Ulaanbaatar". But we wonder what that really means. Our desire is to see Gospel-driven transformation take place at every level of this city. The problems are huge. So many people are hurting and wounded and addicted. There is corruption and garbage and traffic and more. Colossians 1:20 means something when it says, "...and through Him to reconcile to

*Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross".* Therefore, we want to go forward in ministry here with the assumption that God is at work through His Son, Jesus - seeking the peace and reconciliation and transformation of all things through the power of the Gospel (Romans 1:16).

So, with this in mind, we are moving forward with a strategy of establishing several small "Community Centers" in the city of Ulaanbaatar. These Centers will serve the Mongolian church through practical ministry training, outreach, church planting and leadership development. They will serve the people of Ulaanbaatar by providing needed services and training which will meet needs and point to Christ.

The first of such centers will be directed mainly at students. There are approximately 250,000 students that flood this city every Fall from all over the country. There are no places for them to "hang out", other than bars and pubs - which perpetuates problems in the student community (alcoholism, promiscuity, etc.) It is our desire to establish a community center/coffee

house that will provide a peaceful place for study, relaxation, English and Korean classes, music and, most importantly, spiritual direction. Through this, by God's grace, we will connect the student community with Jesus. We feel this is incredibly strategic, as students come here from every Mongolian Province, many of whom are unreached.

We request your prayers for us as we begin this enterprise. The student center is only the first step in our strategy for reaching this city in such a way that it is transformed by the Gospel of Jesus. Please pray for wisdom. Pray that God will provide funding. As many of you are aware, budget cuts and financial difficulties mean that there is little funding for this and other projects on the field. But we trust our Father who provides. We would also like to visit another C&MA field that is doing similar work. See the "Partner Page" of this newsletter to learn more about how you can partner with us in this endeavor.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your partnership with us for the name and renown of Christ in Mongolia.



## 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).

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

### Immediate Partnership Opportunity!

We are being tasked to start and manage an Urban Community Center, or possibly several centers throughout the city, which will be used for ministry, training and church planting in Ulaanbaatar.

The Community Center approach has been successfully used by other C&MA fields as an effective strategy to accomplish ministry and field goals. We would like to learn what we can from these successful models. Therefore, we have received permission from our field to visit a center in a creative access country in order to observe, ask questions and learn. It is our hope that we will be able to learn what we can and avoid the time and expense of unnecessary mistakes.

We are seeking to raise an extra \$3000 to cover air travel and in country expenses for one week. We feel this would be an excellent investment in the Community Center in UB. If you would like to partner with us in this endeavor, would you prayerfully consider making a donation to the "Bernie and Renee' Anderson Work Special" for this need?

**Amount needed: \$3000**

***Your regular giving to the Great Commission Fund keeps us along with over 800 other International workers on the field. Thanks for your faithful giving to the GCF!***

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  
 PO Box 35000*

*Colorado Springs, CO 80935*

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Vehicle Fund Update:  
 Amount received: \$425



Total Amount Required: \$\$12,500