

Remember Mongolia

Newsletter from the Anderson Family

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Home Assignment 2010-2011: From Raleigh to Honolulu

"We have a whole year..."

That's what we kept telling ourselves. Wasn't it just a few weeks ago we were getting settled into our Stateside home? Now it's been nearly a year, and it's time to start preparing for the move back to Ulaanbaatar. However, it's been a wonderful year of connecting and reconnecting with family and friends, as well as with our **home church in Franklin, TN**. We've also had the opportunity to travel from Raleigh to Honolulu, sharing Mongolia and the work of the C&MA around the world in churches around the country. We've made new friends and rekindled old relationships. We thank our God of every remembrance of each of you.

One of our key tasks has been to nurture and develop partnerships with churches that we've connected with over the past twelve months. It's been a privilege to sit down with missions committees all over the country and talk about how the local church doing local ministry can connect and partner with mission fields around the globe, including those who are laboring in limited and creative access fields. We're encouraged by the number of churches who are expressing interest in partnership, and even more encouraged by those who are actually taking the step of strategically partnering with not only Mongolia, but with fields all over the globe.

It's been a long road. It's passed quickly. We've enjoyed tour ministry. As our time here wraps up we look back with fond memories, and anticipate our imminent return to work in Mongolia.

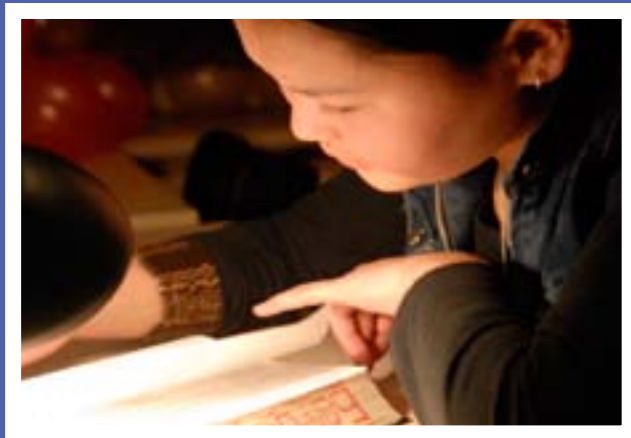


And while we were away...



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The transformation is more profound than we have space to show. The Grain of Wheat has moved from a small student outreach to a three-story community center. We anticipate “greater things” in this city and would love for you to join us!

There is still much to be done!
Renovation work is not complete. If you'd like to assist in reaching the city and reaching a nation we encourage you to go online and donate to:
Ulaanbaatar Community Center project

The Grain of Wheat

Student Center was the epicenter of most of our work during our first term in Mongolia. God was faithful and gracious to give us a thriving center with many students using our services while also having the opportunity to hear about Christ. However, the aim of the work of our team in Mongolia is to do more than reach students. We are here to reach the entire country. We believe if we can **reach the city** of Ulaanbaatar we will **reach the nation** of Mongolia.

Because of the generosity of God's people in US Churches, last year the team was able to purchase a building in a densely populated commercial and residential district of Ulaanbaatar. Through the hard work of our team in UB over the last year, renovations to this building have been made and now the **Grain of Wheat Community Center** is open to serve the City. This past year has seen the opening of UBean Coffee and Roasterrie, the start of English as a Foreign Language classes, as well an expanded computer lab, study center and library.

We are looking forward to returning to the city in order to join in the work taking place there for the Kingdom of God and the glory of Jesus. Our work will involve the continuation of student outreach and discipleship, as well as establishing the UB branch of the Christian Leadership Training Center at the Grain of Wheat Community Center.

Ch-Ch, Changes

For **Jonathan**, transition has been the word of the year. He went from his high school graduation in Mongolia back to Franklin, TN and on to the **Evangelical Institute of Biblical Training** in Greenville, SC. It's been good to see God's grace in Jonathan's life as he's had to learn to rely on Him in new ways. Jonathan has made many new friends in Greenville, while still very much missing his friends in Mongolia. It will be difficult to leave him in the US when we have to make our return to Ulaanbaatar. However, we are all relying on the faithfulness and grace of God to meet him and the rest of the family when we separate. He's in good hands. We know this.



It's been a full year for **Cori**. After reluctantly leaving her friends in Mongolia, she returned to Franklin with some wariness. However, this quickly turned around as she made new friends at a local Homeschooling tutorial. This turned into a whirlwind of activity, that was sometimes difficult to keep up with! She played a major role in two plays, one of which was a musical that included a solo. She also attended her Junior prom, and looked absolutely dazzling. Through the flurry of activities, Cori was able to reunite with many of her old friends (now grown up) and make many more new friends. When she returns to Mongolia in June, it will be another bittersweet time of hellos and goodbyes.



While we were able to get some "down time" this year, "Home Assignment" is definitely not synonymous with vacation!

Bernie spent his Fall in Wisconsin, enjoying both the color and new connections and partners in churches, but missing the family.

Renee' worked hard at reconnecting with our local church, helping Cori make school adjustments, as well as speaking at various Alliance Women functions. Before Spring had a chance to arrive, both of us were traveling to churches together, talking about God's work in Mongolia and how we can work together for the Kingdom of God in the nations. The year has been both refreshing and challenging. We live in two worlds, with the sadness of constant departures and the joy of many reunions.



Partner Page

The past year of travel has connected us with so many wonderful people, and many new partners! If this is your first "Remember-Mongolia" newsletter - **Welcome!**

The last page of our newsletter is always an update on ways that you can partner with us for the renown of Jesus in Mongolia. Please contact us with any questions or ideas you may have for partnership possibilities.

We Believe in Team

You can partner with us for the Kingdom in Mongolia

1. **Pray:** Please go to our [website](#) for the latest prayer updates. Also be watching your inbox for more information about how you can be involved with 50 hours of prayer for Mongolia.
2. **Go:** There are short term opportunities in Mongolia. Contact us if you are interested in knowing how you can be involved.
3. **Give:** There are many ways to support us financially

GCF Support: Your regular and [generous gifts](#) to the [Great Commission Fund](#) are what keeps us and over 800 other C&MA workers in some of the least reached parts of the world.

Outfit Fund: As we head back to Mongolia in just a few weeks, we will have moving expenses and purchases to make as we reestablish our home in Ulaanbaatar. Your giving to our Outfit fund will help offset these costs. Designated donations can be made to the "[Bernie and Renee' Anderson Outfit Fund](#)"

Work Special: Funds that are designated "[Bernie and Renee' Anderson Work Special](#)" will go directly to our work and ministry in Ulaanbaatar.

You may give through your local C&MA church or send your designated checks to:

Christian and Missionary Alliance
PO Box 35000
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3500

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Your assignment, should you choose to accept...

When we head back to Mongolia in a few weeks, our ministry focus will be on **student ministry** and **leadership development**. The need for leadership in the Mongolian church is critical. As we prepare to return, it is our vision to see God raise up equipped Mongolian servant leaders who are full of the Spirit and leading the church with strength, humility, wisdom and gentleness. We will be working with other team members to develop culturally appropriate materials for this equipping and discipleship process.

You can partner with us in this work! Pray for us regularly. [Support the GCF](#). You may also make regular donations to our [work special](#) to support provide the required resources for the development of this material!