



MONGOLIAN MISSION TEAM

REPORT FOR JANUARY

The month of January may have been cold in Mongolia, but the Word of God works well even at -34F degrees. This be-

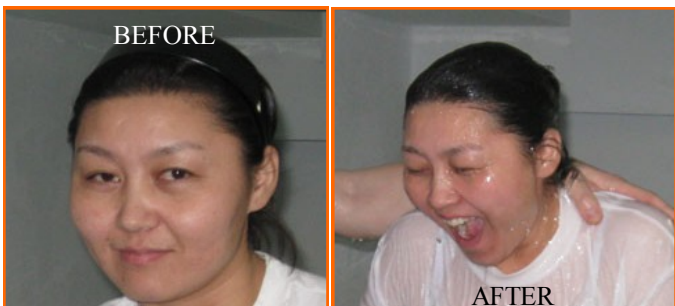
Book of Matthew completed and a name for God/god has been decided

The book of Matthew has been completed. It has been gone over with a fine tooth comb 3 times by our entire translation team. It has taken a long time to complete because there are many religious words in the Bible that do not translate into Mongolian. Because of this much pain staking time has been taken to establish the words to use in each case. Now that that has been accomplished, the other books should come easier and move along faster. The Mongolian language does not have a term that truly expresses the meaning of God/god. The one that has been used is Borhan, which is the Buddhist term for the highest assended one. Much controversy has surrounded the issue of what to use for the generic term God/god. "Dade Shutain" has been decided on and will be used in our translation of the Bible. "Dade Shutain" means highest or supreme worshiped one. Please pray for the Mongolian people as they are presented with this concept of God.

Report from Chingeltei

What a thrill it was to be part of the work in Chingeltei this past month. We ended January and began February with seven people professing Jesus as Savior, and after baptismal

class all seven wanted to be baptized and become a part of the Lord's Church in Mongolia. After our services 24 of us filled 3 cars and traveled to UB to hold baptism services at Rich



This is Ariana, she was saved as a direct result of our English class. It was in class where she first heard of Jesus and the gospel message.

fore and after shot says it all! Rich Heart BC had a celebration Sunday as 13 people were baptized! Rich Heart had four for baptism, our mission in Chore had two and our mission in Chingeltei had seven.

On Saturday, ten people came and cleaned the sanctuary. They wanted to make sure everything was pristine for the services. They don't use mops; they use rags and scrub the floors on their hands and knees. Usually three people are scheduled to come and clean the sanctuary but this day was too special for the normal.

All 15 members from Chore made their way to UB. Four came with the Brother Agi in his vehicle. The rest came by a 5 hour train ride. We have prepared 3 rooms in our building as dormitories and can sleep 12 Americans or 20 Mongolians. They were all thrilled to have a place to sleep and keep warm as they waited for services. With these from Chore joining in our Sunday services it made the day extra special.

Baptismal services include not only food and fellowship but also many prayers for those being baptized. Church membership is a serious commitment.

After a sermon in Mongolia, it is not common to have an invitation. No one is asked to come up and be saved. No one begs them to come say a prayer to be rescued from hell or make a decision for Jesus. Mongolians are smart people and when they realize that they are doomed to an eternity in hell's tormenting fire no one needs to tell them to cry out for help. After they have professed Christ, and before they are baptized, they must attend a 3 hour baptism class to make sure they understand what professing faith in Jesus is and that baptism and Church membership has nothing to do with them getting to heaven. Our biggest fear is for someone to think that just saying a few words, or walking an aisle, or being baptized will get them to heaven. This is especially important with an American missionary. Many Mongolians would respond to an invitation if they thought that was what he wanted. It is stressed to please God not man.



This is Gotoo, a carpenter we used during our remodel. We have been praying for him for a long time. Pray for his wife and 2 children.

Heart Baptist Church. We arrived at 3:30 and many were still there waiting to be part of our special service. With the addition of these seven we now have 16 members. Property to purchase in Chingeltei has be found and the church has voted to buy it. As we put this report together the paper work and purchase is being completed. The mission will be meeting in a ger (tent) on the property until a building can be completed. Construction does not start again until the very last of March or first part of April. The ground has to thaw before any digging can be done. This group has had great spiritual growth in the recent months, and all are excited to see it grow and organize as one of the Lord's Churches.

Report from Chore

It has been a long cold winter in Chore (as cold as -45f) and without electricity it has been difficult for our missionary to keep warm. We are hoping for electricity soon.