

MONGOLIAN MISSION TEAM

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SIX NEW MEMBERS OF RICH HEART BAPTIST CHURCH

The month of April opened with 8 coming forward asking the church for baptism. After each gave their testimony of salvation, the church voted to accept 6 for baptism and recommended that 2 meet with Pastor Egi to learn more about salvation and the reason for baptism. So on Sunday the 19th these six, pictured above, were baptized and fellowshiped into the Church in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Three of these ladies have been in the church's prayer for over a year.

PASTOR ORDAINED IN MONGOLIA

The last Sunday of April Brother Agi, (augie) our missionary to Chore, was ordained into full time ministry as pastor. There was great excitement in the church during the days leading up to the ordination, this being only the second Mongolian pastor. Invitations were made, the building was cleaned from top to bottom, and decorations were put up as the members prepared for this special

day. The ordination was to take place after regular Sunday services. Regular does not do justice in describing the anticipation of all involved. With 26 first time visitors for preaching, it was hard to get visitor cards to them all. The house was full with over 220 people. Both of our missions attended this service. Men who served with Brother Agi as officers in the Mongolian/Russian Army came to see what had happened to their drinking buddy. One even brought him a gift of a very large bottle of Vodka! Also family and high school friends of Agi and his wife Olse (ole-see) came with flowers and gifts to give him on completion of

the service.

Worship service ended at 12:45 and the ordination service began immediately. Brother Agi was brought before the church and he was allowed to address the congregation before being questioned by the men of the church. He expressed his thanks for his military and high school friends for coming, and then explained what had happened to him. He first told them, "We were all told that we come from monkeys. I am here to tell you that is not the truth." He then proceeded to tell them about a God of love that saved his soul and changed his life.

Brother Agi still has much military bearing and he stood at attention the entire time he was before the congregation. The men of the church had prepared questions to ask him and at the completion of the questioning the church voted to ordain Brother Agi as Pastor Agi. Then in groups of 5, the men of the church came forward and laid their hands on him and prayed for God's protection to follow him. Ending with Pastor Egi laying hands and having a special quiet prayer between the two of them. For me, this was a special sight. Two truly humble servants of God huddled together asking for God to work through them.

Pastor Egi then preached a charge directly to Pastor Agi. This was done with Brother Agi still standing at attention, face to face with his fellow pastor, in front of the entire congregation. After this portion of the service, many came forward to speak about both Brother Agi and his wife Olsee. The children from Chore sang special songs for the occasion. It was a grand celebration to God for preparing this man of God for service. For more pictures, go to our web page, www.mongolianteam.org.

