



The Whiteners

MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF

Mongolia

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Dear friends and fellow laborers,

Thank you for continuing to pray for the people and the work here in Mongolia. As the months and years have passed since our arrival it has become increasingly apparent that this is the Lord's work, and our human efforts are completely inadequate for the endeavor in which we are engaged. We are thankful that our Lord hears and answers the prayers of His saints, and we are thankful that you take time to pray for us and the people of Mongolia.

Regarding our folks, please continue to pray for Brother Inktur and Sister Jaga. Brother Inktur has been looking for work for some time now, and has finally found a job. However, this job requires him to work Sundays without exception. We know it is God's will that Inktur would be able to provide for his family and to lead his family in attending church, so please pray that God would provide him with a good job that would allow for both.

The Bible study in Terelj, while not attended by many people, is going well. We are thankful to see their eagerness and their understanding of the Word of God grow. Please continue to pray for this Bible study. As I have mentioned before, there are some who attend that have heard the Gospel many, many times yet they have not yet believed on the Son of God. Would you pray especially for these, that God would bring great conviction of sin to them?

An aspect of our work I have yet to mention is our Old Testament translation project. The Bible available to our Mongolian brethren was translated from a modern English version, and accuracy was sacrificed at the altar of "accessibility". Some years ago, our Baptist brethren translated the New Testament from the Greek and now they have an accurate, well translated New Testament. For a couple years now, Brother Jason Ritchie and I have been burdened about the need for a translation of the Old Testament that equals the quality of this New Testament. After much time praying, getting council, and talking to those who were involved in the NT translation we have begun the OT translation. Sister Eebee is our full time translator at this point. We are thankful for Sister Eebee, and it seems she is uniquely fitted to this task. She is a native Mongolian speaker, she studied for four years at a Baptist Bible college in the States, and she has studied Hebrew in the past and is continuing her studies now. She has finished the rough draft of Esther, Job, and has begun Genesis. We hope to add another full time translator soon, but we look to God to make things clear. Please pray for Sister Eebee, and pray that God would give us more translators in His time.

We were able to go the States for a few weeks in September and October. My little sister asked me a long time ago if I would officiate her wedding, and of course I said I would. Well, she hauled off and decided to get married, so we had the blessing and privilege of having a part in her wedding. We are thankful that veteran missionary John Larrabee and Brother Nathan were willing to come and fill in for us here while we were away. We are glad to be safely back in Mongolia, and back in the saddle doing our work here. Thank y'all again for praying for us and laboring together with us. Farewell.

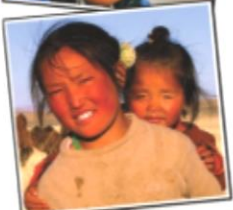
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