

March/April 2020

MOMENTS IN MONGOLIA

MINISTRY REPORT FROM THE RITCHIE FAMILY IN ULAANBAATAR



"...but the word of God is not bound." 2 Timothy 2:9



Thank you so much for standing strong with us.

Now, more than ever, we need your prayers and financial support as we continue to minister here in Mongolia. I don't know what we would do if it weren't for your faithfulness. Currently, there are no flights in or out of Mongolia, so we couldn't return home even if we wanted to.

As we begin our fifth month of restrictions, it is hard to believe that the last in-person church service we had was in January. Somehow, these past months have been busier than ever. Truly, this has been a difficult time in the spiritual life of our church and one of the strangest times of ministry that our family has ever experienced.

During this season, as we focus on things that we are grateful for we find joy. Let us share some of the things we are grateful for:



• **Our Family:** In some ways, it has been a blessing doing more of my work at home because I get to be near my family. I am so grateful for my wonderful wife and amazing children and I thank God that I can serve with them.



• **Audio/Visual:** What a blessing that one of Chuck Weber's supporting churches gave an offering toward equipment! By using a portion of those funds, we were able to set up a much better online service.

• **Building:** We were able to negotiate a 50% reduction in rent for our facilities until restrictions are over.

• **College:** We were able to set up an online interface and virtual classrooms for the college. Our spring semester has gone very well. In the fall, we plan to extend this online learning option to pastors and young people who live away from the city.

• **Bible Translation:** We have been continuing our work online through video conferencing. In the past few months we have added 1 and 2 Kings to the books that have been translated.

• **Other print resources:** We have been able to redirect funds from the rent toward new and helpful books to use in the church and college. We are in the process of establishing Faith Baptist Publishing to handle the logistics of everything except for the actual printing.

• **Baptist Pastors:** We have started a Baptist Pastors Fellowship for encouragement and support.

• **Dolgorsuren:** Our dear sister passed away this week. She continued in her faith until the end, and by her testimony a number of people in Uvurkhangai came to know Christ. We will try to go out for the funeral if it is allowed. Please pray that we might have many opportunities to share the Gospel.



We know that all of you have been going through this trial with us, and we want you to know that we are praying for you too. Stay strong and know that we love you all!

In Christ for the Harvest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ritchie".

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