

MONGOLIA FOR CHRIST

Dr. Tom Keller – PRAYER LETTER UPDATE – May 2011

ALONG THE WAY: At 2am, after successfully landing in Mongolia, my ride and I are off to a temporary guest apartment. Exhausted, I am kept awake all night by barking dogs, drunken men fighting on the sidewalk outside my window and a steam-shovel pounding cement at a late night construction site across the street. The first day, while on a walk down main street, I cross at the pedestrian walkway and am nearly run over without warning. After darting out of the way, I glance at a smiling face at the wheel. As my blood pressure and “not-so-kind-assessment” of the driver eases, it dawns on me, “*Son, you're the foreigner now. New rules.*”



MINISTRY NEWS: Following months of preparation and interrupted flights, I stand on Mongolian soil, thankful, recalling all that went into getting here. Now that I “am” here, it is like a dream come true. I’m grateful for being able to get a new passport and visa quickly, grateful for my safe passage, for my dental equipment and instruments not getting seized at security gates, for my shipment of personal items arriving in tact, having a suitable apartment and church to worship and enjoy fellowship (**photo**) in. Finally, I’m grateful for good walking legs. In Ulaanbaatar Mongolia, without a vehicle, you’re walking a bunch and real glad for good shoes.

ANSWER TO PRAYER: After losing my passport and aborting the second leg of my flight out of Chicago, I was able to contact a supporting church which graciously housed me for the week that it took to get a “same-day” passport and new Mongolian visa. Soon, I was back in the sky. With my portable dental equipment and surgical instruments taped to cardboard inside my luggage (**photo**), I held my breath while going through security gates. As expected, they questioned me. However, after a short exchange, I was allowed to pass. Finally, I was notified that my shipment of household items had arrived at customs and was able to pick this up without incident. Upon first glance, it may seem easy to believe that these things just happened to work out. But I know this was all answer to the prayers of many of you in my behalf throughout my travels.



PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Begin well with the language learning, weekdays 9am – Noon (**photo**).
2. Get settled in the capital city for the first year.
3. Connect with a medical organization that can help me attain a license to do dentistry in my future northern village, beginning the summer of 2012.

After all the difficulty during my travels, it seems like a miracle that I am actually here, in an apartment and starting school. Thank you all for getting me here and sustaining me.

In Christ the Lord,

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