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Mongolia's Plentiful Harvest Field



I sure covered a lot of ground and witnessed many amazing works of God on my recent trip to Mongolia! As I catch my breath from the intense month with two consecutive teams of kiwis, I'm impacted by the privilege it is for us New Zealanders to be part of the great commission in that nation. Unlike NZ, Mongolia does not have a Christian heritage. Most of the believers we minister to there are first-generation Christians. Many of them are thrown into leadership positions early on in their faith-journey. These faithful Christ-followers want the rest of their country to hear about Jesus too. And we have the privilege of helping equip them with biblical foundations and with the tools to make disciples in unreached areas.

When I say **we**, I do not just mean those of us who travel to Mongolia. I mean **you** included! **You too** can participate in this disciple-making work, by helping resource the workers. Together, we can make sure they are well trained, have funds to sustain regular trips to remote villages and have audio bibles to give to those who want to learn more about God. If you'd like to donate towards advancing God's kingdom in Mongolia, see the details in the side-box.



Glenn

Blessings,
Glenn Carter,
AONZ Director



Praying over Pastor Mendee, the unreached villages of Uvs province, and the seeds already sown.

Sending Out the Workers

Mendee (pictured above) pastors a church in the town of Ulaangom, and our partners have been mentoring him in the process of church-planting. He first accompanied them on trips into rural villages, observing and participating alongside our partners as they demonstrated how to connect with families, share the gospel effectively and pray for people. And now Pastor Mendee is confidently *leading* others from his congregation on church-planting mission trips. Mendee and his church are inspired to make The Great Commission *their* responsibility – regularly travelling beyond their town into the unreached villages of their province (Uvs). They're using other Asian Outreach ministries, like Winter Kits, to help advance their mission. Coming with something to *offer*, like the possibility of warm jackets and boots for the children, makes building trust and connections easier. It can be a slow process, requiring

patience and prayer. But already one family has accepted the message of Jesus. We pray this will be the beginning of nurturing and growing a new church that goes on to be self-sustaining.

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IN MONGOLIA!**

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\$2000	Equip 25 leaders with GCI leadership training
\$500	Send church-planters on 5 trips to a village
\$100	Print study manuals for 100 leaders
\$30	Buy an audio bible for an unreached person



The mission-team from Whakatane worships alongside believers in the rural town of Bat-Ulzii. Our partners planted and nurtured this small church with regular visits (funded by our supporters) over the past six years.

Most church-planters and ministry-leaders in Mongolia don't get the chance to attend bible-college, so our partners run short courses through their Great Commission Institute (GCI) to fill this gap. It's important that Mongolian church leaders have strong biblical foundations and are equipped with strategies and skills to navigate

had given up attending church, because of the distance, so he committed the idea of a neighbourhood church to the Lord. Ganbaa bought sweets and stationery, which he gave as Christmas gifts to children and later took our church-planting team with him, to share the gospel with families. Through these encounters, Gamba identified

In Mongolia, it seems to be true that the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. Half the population live in rural unreached areas, and yet, when the message of Jesus arrives, many are willing to listen and receive prayer. The workers may be few, but they are passionate and committed! Like Ganbaa, these faithful Christ-followers are willing to reach out to their neighbours. And like Mendee and his team, some are willing to travel and spend nights away from their families regularly, so they can share the good news with unreached people and nurture small groups of new believers. If you'd like to help the workers sow seeds all throughout the harvest-field of Mongolia, donate today using the details in the box on page one.



Glenn (AONZ Director) and Pastor Ganbaa, outside the new church-building that God provided.

the inevitable challenges of leading people. Pastor Ganbaa (pictured above) has benefited greatly from our GCI training, as his journey into pastoring was unexpectedly rapid! Ganbaa was born with clubfoot and found it difficult and painful to walk three kilometres to the closest church. But he didn't allow these health challenges to hinder him from being an active part of the body of Christ. Instead, he dreamed of planting a church right near his home. Ganbaa had also noticed elderly neighbours

vulnerable children to receive Winter Kits and participate in a discipleship course. Within a few weeks of praying for a church building, funds miraculously came together to purchase a small home on the main street. Up to 20 believers are now gathering together on Sundays in this building and recently a kids' church sprung up out of the Winter Kits ministry.

Thankfully Ganbaa has a solid biblical understanding to pass on and can confidently move forward in his new role as a pastor.



It's not always smooth-going! Our church-planting teams traverse hundreds of kilometres on rough, dirt roads to reach the unreached.

Knowledge Empowers in Rural Cambodia



\$50 =
Period-kit and puberty lessons for two girls



\$800 =
Running monthly educational workshops for one new Women's Empowerment Group in 2025

They say knowledge is power. And that couldn't be truer of our Women's Empowerment Project, which imparts life-changing education to rural Cambodian communities. Without access to the internet and health professionals for information, villagers have huge knowledge gaps, impacting on their wellbeing. Asian Outreach Cambodia's (AOC's) Women's Empowerment Groups provide a space for women to gather, connect, learn and be empowered to make better decisions for themselves and their families. For example, most people are unaware of the risks of human-trafficking and can easily fall victim to opportunists. Also, many women have no idea about their monthly cycle and how it impacts on their fertility, and a lot of families are oblivious to how poor hygiene and sanitation are impacting their health. By running monthly workshops with women, we're filling these knowledge gaps! We're protecting girls from being sold into slavery, helping couples conceive a number of children that they can afford to feed and educate, and giving families strategies that will free them from constant sickness.

AOC's recently appointed project manager, Koemlieng, is preparing now to launch new Women's Empowerment Groups in 2025, but she needs our support to make that happen! As she busily plans and facilitates the workshops, spending long days traveling on dusty roads to reach the villages, us



Mao Koemlieng, new Women's Empowerment Project Manager at AOC.

kiwis will be right alongside her, helping fund the way! And as she visits schools to educate middle-schoolers about puberty, she will distribute gifts that bring dignity and freedom, given by us kiwis! These kits contain knickers and reusable pads and have the power to transform lives (as Sovan Tola testifies, right-column).

We invite you to give a life-changing gift this Christmas - one that keeps on giving, as knowledge is passed from one generation to the next. You won't get to hear their "thank you," but be assured, the recipients, their children and their grandchildren will be thankful for the flow-on effect of your gift! See the box (right) for donate-details and more info.



Sovan Tola (14 years old)

"I was always upset about the cost to buy period products. And I have never dared to talk to anyone about health and hygiene, not even my mother. So I would just hide and thought it was okay because it only happened once a month. AOC's programme changed my mindset and made my life a lot easier. The sanitary products are soft and cool, and can be carried anywhere, to school or to the farm. I am so thankful for the training and I'm feeling more confident to speak up and not be shy!"

GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING!

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Social Media Highlights

We'd love to share snippets of news and photos with you more frequently! Find us on Facebook and Instagram: search 'asianoutreachnz' and click 'follow'!



The team from Whakatane transported hundreds of beanies to Mongolia, hand-made by our kiwi knitting brigade.



Nine classes of year 5 and 6 students at KingsWay Christian School, completed our Mission Minded Kids course. They learnt about different cultures, the great commission and the persecuted church and then enthusiastically fundraised for Winter Kits for Mongolian kids!



A delightful new kiwi-face is heading to the AOC base in Stung Treng for a one-year stint of service and fun! God used Lily's recent trip to Cambodia, with Tauranga Elim Church, to launch her into this new adventure.



Happy 50th birthday Badmaa! We're so thankful for your many years of serving Jesus whole-heartedly! Badmaa, is a total legend - Genesis Asian Outreach Mongolia's Director and an incredible leader.



A hongii and a taonga from NZ to Mongolia. This missional relationship between our two countries is special - having spanned around 30 years already! Our Whakatane team passed on a treasure from NZ in the form of West Coast greenstone, hand-carved in Ohope.

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