



the
HENRY family

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✕ **Schooling** ✕

“You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 6:7)

DEAR FRIENDS,

Over the past seven months our Lord has blessed us in many ways. In this letter we want to share with you some of the ways He has provided for us. We have been able to visit with many of you and are grateful for your delicious meals, thoughtful gifts and words of encouragement. We were invited to speak at 10 churches and small groups about our work in Mongolia. We also participated in two different missions conferences and were really encouraged by the church members, the other missionaries and the speakers there. We have enjoyed many visits with our parents and we thank God for them. Our children thoroughly enjoy and love their grandparents.

I have continued home-schooling our children while in America. I have had great aspirations to take the children on all those field trips we aren't able to do in Mongolia. I'm thankful that we have been able to visit many places: the Baltimore Aquarium, the North Museum in Lancaster, a local fire department, the Philly zoo, Longwood Gardens' home-schooling program, an open rehearsal for the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, Rendezvous in the Park, two

museums in Washington D.C., and the kids saw their first movie in a theater (Up!).

Speaking of home-schooling, some of you may wonder how I teach three kids who are in three different grades. Years ago I asked my great-aunt Dotty who taught in a one-room school house if she had any pointers. I am also blessed to have many friends who home-school their children, too, who have given me words of wisdom. One way to make multiple grades do-able for home-schooling is to combine the children for some of the subjects. For example, we have science, history, Bible, geography, poetry, and literature together. Having several children study the same thing together makes it more interesting and effective for everyone.

This year we have been studying aquatic creatures in science. The book we are using shows how amazing creation is, and thus how awesome our Creator is. For history we are studying ancient world history starting at creation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Our book fits biblical events with secular history chronologically. We also have been reading Window on



We are scheduled to fly out of Dulles airport on the afternoon of May 12th. We expect to be in Ulaanbaatar for 2-4 weeks before continuing on to Tosontsengel.



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“Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.” (Psalms 25:5 ESV)

the World, which gives personal stories and detailed information about many countries and peoples of the world. The children then take turns finding and outlining countries on our map. For literature I read aloud books that compliment what we are learning in history or science. For example, I read Homer for Children when we were studying the Trojan War. The children really enjoyed that book and would beg me not to stop. In the evenings our family has been reading through the Gospels together. Each of us takes a turn reading a section (some children need more help than others ☺).

After completing the combined subjects, the children separate and work on their individual lessons in math, reading, writing, grammar and spelling. This can be challenging for me, as they often need my help at the same time since they are in 1st, 2nd and 5th grade. It usually takes around 5 hours to finish our school work, not including lunch and breaks. It's a blessing from God to be able to teach our children, and I'm thankful that I also enjoy it.

Please pray for the following:

- ~For patience and wisdom as I instruct our children, especially when they (at times) struggle with a bad attitude or laziness.
- ~God's direction with our next few years whether to serve in U.B. or Tosontsengel.
- ~That God would bless our time with our parents before leaving for Mongolia.
- ~That God would develop in us a greater love for Jesus and a greater burden for the Mongolians to know Him.

~Pray for God's work in our children's lives and that we would be good examples, good listeners and consistent in discipling them.

In Him,

Jason & Barb



Hadassah at home-school co-op

Children's Favorite Things about America:

Hadassah - seeing Grammy, Pappy and Grandma; going to co-op; having lots of friends here; going swimming; going to people's houses and Hersheypark

Jonathan - going to Georgia; going to co-op, Hersheypark and Awana; playing in our yard; riding bike; eating Cheerios; visiting Ahnya, Grammy, Pappy and Grandma; swimming lessons

Emma - swimming lessons; seeing Grammy, Pappy and Grandma and Uncle Alexander; going to Awana and homeschooling co-op; going to Georgia; seeing Ahnya

Rachel - playing on playgrounds; playing outside; visiting people; visiting Ahnya; reading the Bible together



Barb teaching the kids



Barb with her mother and sister