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This winter we completed the finishing touches on our church building. We have been meeting there for our worship services since December. Almost every Sunday there has been one or more visitors joining us, for which we are thankful. The other group in town we mentioned in our last letter have been meeting weekly with Tom going through the book of Romans.

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*"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."
(Psalm 9:1 ESV)*

DEAR FRIENDS,

We greet you in the name of our Risen Savior, the King and Redeemer of the Nations. In our last prayer letter Jason told you of my father's death. With Jason, I also want to express thanks to our God for His provision in my travels and in His watchful care over our family while I was gone. Many of you sent cards, e-mails and called me while I was in America. Through you I was comforted during my sorrow.

We are so thankful to have spent time with my dad last year during our furlough. Even though it was evident that his health was failing at that time, he was still able to take our kids on rides on his 4-wheeler, to teach Jonathan how to shoot a gun and to share stories and laughter with all of us.

My time in America after Dad's passing was special for me as I got to spend 10 days together with my mom and sister. It was a blessing for me to be able to prepare for the memorial service, to go through Dad's things and to recall many memories with Mom, Janna and with our friends and family. I also was encouraged and

surprised by the many people who visited us, brought us meals and expressed their sympathy. It was an encouragement to hear that God had sent several people to visit my dad this past summer to remind him of God's promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Isn't our Lord merciful and kind!

After I returned to Mongolia, Jason renovated our kitchen and bathroom. This included tearing down two walls, tearing down the plaster from the remaining walls and putting up studs and sheet rock. Jason was helped by two of our neighbors for about a month. God used our renovation project to stretch Jason's patience, as he came across multiple challenges, such as crooked walls, inferior tools and materials.

Jason also installed a hot water system. This is the first time we have had hot, running water, although we still retrieve our water from a local well. This summer, LORD willing, we will dig a large hole behind our house for a gray water drainage system. Having hot, running water has been a

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Col. 3.16)

blessing, as the kids are now more independent in taking showers and doing the dishes, since I don't need to heat our water on the stove any more.

We spent the month of March in Ulaanbaatar. It was a busy time, especially for Jason, as he searched for and purchased many things for us, our teammates and our Mongolian friends. He also spent 5-6 days solving some computer problems at the Mongolian Bible Society. Jason renewed our yearly living permits while we were there. The kids and I continued homeschooling and were able to supplement our studies with field trips to a natural history museum and to a bread-making factory. They also enjoyed participating in gym class with the homeschooling co-op.

While in the capital city, we travel around by walking, by taking buses or by taking taxis. Taxi drivers normally are curious about us, especially when we tell them where we live in Mongolia. They usually inform us that Tosontsengel is the coldest part of Mongolia, and then they ask: Why do you live there? What do you do there? Do your children go to school there? This opens an opportunity for us to share that we are here primarily to teach about Jesus, which often leads to a conversation about who Jesus is, about following Him or about the Bible. I have found that I am more bold in sharing the Gospel with these strangers than I am with our friends here in Tosontsengel. I would ask you to pray for me in this.

Please pray that both Jason and I would be more bold in sharing about our Lord with our friends here. Pray that I would be diligent in studying Mongolian again, especially during the summer when we will be taking a break from homeschooling. I also would like to start teaching our neighbor kids Bible lessons again. Pray for these children and for me as I prepare the lessons.

We thank our Lord for your faithful prayers and support over the years.

In Christ,

Jason & Barb



Barb and her mother



Barb having fun washing the dishes



Our children with their neighbor friends