

# theboisvert update

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REJOICING IN “HE IS RISEN!”



## MONGOLIA

**I**N FEBRUARY, we had a great teaching module in Mongolia with our two groups of students. The Mongolian organizers had found a new meeting spot for us—a sports/conference center—that included a full-size basketball court, which made for exciting tournament challenges during the evening hours. Each team was comprised of students from both groups, but the real advantage was to encourage more interaction with each other. This, in turn, led to better relationships and the formation of networking groups among all the students, regardless of their individual level of studies. After

all day in the classroom, and with three different courses covered, the evening activities seemed to provide extra bonding of relationships, even for those on the sidelines cheering on the players. These activities were an extra bonus for these church leaders, who often come to the training sessions with little to no support or fellowship in their respective areas. By the time they graduate, students have a tight-knit group of fellow leaders, committed to Bible-centered teaching, on whom they can call for encouragement and counsel. Thus, while teaching is critical, it is only part of the benefit of the two-and-a-half-year study program.

The advanced group of students is scheduled to graduate in September 2019, which means there are only two more training sessions left—this month and September. The Mongolian leaders are already suggesting an annual one- or two-day seminar for graduates and current students for refreshment and to expand networking into all the groups of graduates over the years. This could potentially involve over 100 church leaders. Please join us in prayer for how this might best be accomplished with their available funds and adjunct teachers.

The Mongolian leaders and organizers of this training are already planning

how to encourage the formation of regional training centers led by some of the graduates. This is also a prayer request: for God's wisdom in choosing leaders and sites that would best minister to those in need. These proposed annual get-togethers would also serve to keep those efforts on track.

### **SOUTH SUDAN (S.S.E.S.T.)**

March saw Doug traveling to Uganda to work with the South Sudanese refugees in the camps from Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and those still hiding in the bush areas within South Sudan. It was amazing to see how these church leaders rejoice in the Scriptures and all that God is doing in their lives. Most of them have lost everything—literally—yet are praising God for seeing His hand working in their lives in many unexpected ways. Doug taught the entire book of Romans all week. Despite the heat, with which even the Sudanese struggled, cramped church building that hosted us, and reduced supplies, we had a wonderful time marveling over God's amazing salvation in Christ! We are still building their skills as students of the Word of God, but it is exciting to hear how their preaching and teaching has been focused so much on the Word of God. The people in the refugee-camp churches are noticing the difference our students' preaching is making in their lives. Many hope this will set the standard for when they can re-establish the churches once they return to their homeland.

The Sudanese leaders are caring for all the teaching of the initial-level cur-



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riculum in new venues, while the plan was for Doug to continue teaching the advanced courses twice a year. However, on this last trip, Doug was able to make significant progress with his translator, Pastor Hakim, in teaching the book of Romans and in sharing teaching methods. By the end of the week, the Lord seemed to be opening Pastor Hakim to the possibility of teaching Romans himself the next time around. Praise the Lord!

### **UGANDA**

Doug has been in contact with the Bukeeka Evangelical School of Theology (B.E.S.T.), the Ugandan training program, which has grown and flourished. They are making great gains on the translation work for the Lugandan pastors in the village areas, thanks to some of the gifts from *you*. They have continued reaching out in the satellite modules, which includes using some of the graduates (as teachers) from our first group. Now, B.E.S.T. must be formally approved by the government as a school for the training of pastors. (They are not necessarily going to demand accreditation, however, they need to be designated a "non-traditional educational institution" in order to be able to continue under the new government regulations.) We are praying that the government will stay focused on the actual *training* and

not just demand non-traditional programs to look more "academic"—with permanent buildings that are hard to maintain, and English libraries for non-English-speaking programs. The Lord willing, Doug plans to visit Uganda this August to assist them in thinking through this new development.

### **NEW HORIZONS**

It is exciting to see our most recent Tri-M missionaries expanding our global outreach. Training is being established in new countries, including Turkey, and others in southeast Asia and Eurasia. Test modules will be conducted soon in Nepal. Another couple is considering exploring training needs in some of the countries in South America. We praise God for these new additions to our group as they seek God's leading in these new opportunities. Please join us in praise and prayer for the Carrs, Pilets, Kains, and Taylors—and also for our new Director, Jon McGinnis—as together they look to expand Tri-M ministries into Latin American countries. We rejoice in what God has yet to do through these faithful servants, who have been added to Jesus' ministry through Tri-M. And we praise God for YOU, who help make our part of Tri-M possible!

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