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“This is what the kingdom of God is like: A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how” (Mark 4:26–27).



DOUG arrived home on March 1 and left for Tanzania on the 11th. In April, he will have three

weeks at home before returning to Mongolia. This means that from February through May, Doug will have covered 21 separate time zones each month. Please pray for strength and health so these teaching modules will not be delayed or limited in any way. This was not the *expected schedule* when we made our plans at the beginning of 2014, but it ballooned by the end of last year into an unexpected readiness to be able to aid established modules while realizing the growing excitement in the new venue of Mongolia.

JANUARY TRIP TO UGANDA AND WESTERN KENYA

Doug and Cheryl rejoiced with 10 men, who reached the Diploma level of their theological studies, and 11 women, who graduated at the lower Certificate level in Western Kenya under CAMSOM (Christ Army Mobile School of Ministry). All were obviously pleased to have completed these levels. We wish you could have seen the celebration of God’s grace there. It was more than just receiving a degree.



CAMSOM Diploma Graduates in Western Kenya

One of the men came to me (Doug) after the celebration and asked if he could share what God was doing in his life. (He is an ace mechanic who is well-known for his expertise in motorcycle repair and is doing quite well, financially.) He shared that he had trained 10



CAMSOM Certificate Graduates in Western Kenya

men to be mechanics in his first shop and was now training 10 more in his new shop in another village—but he wanted to let me know that as a result of the discipleship of his pastor (the founder of CAMSOM) and the courses I had taught, he was getting ready to follow God’s call to become a Church Planter. He told me that if he can train men in mechanics, he could also train them from his theological studies. So he expects not only to begin planting a Church himself but to raise up other men who can also plant Churches—with the same solid training in the Scriptures that he has received. Praise God, as we see one more example of 2 Timothy 2:2 being lived out in Kenya! This man is only

one of the 10 with this kind of vision to pass on their training to other faithful men.

It was also exciting to see the students in Uganda at BEST (Bukeeka Evangelical School of Theology) embrace God's truth in the Ethics course taught by Doug. There are many issues in which culture conflicts indirectly with the truths from Scripture. Just learning to identify these issues often gives a clearer picture of absolute right and wrong and of good and evil. These students wrestled with many things to be sure they were holding on to Biblical truth and not just their cultural opinions.

MONGOLIA

Doug just returned from a week of teaching in Mongolia with two adjunct teachers, **Pastor Dean Bertsch** and **Pastor Sean Ingram**.

The 20 Mongolian students were in their third module together, yet it was wonderful to see them still excited not only about the courses but also



to fellowship with each other. They continue to build a support network with each other that greatly assists them in persevering in their remote areas. Many came from countryside settings where they are isolated from any other fellowship outside their immediate Church. These Church leaders need this support base, as well as the course materials, in order to grow and stand strong for Christ. They are all first-generation believers in a country without any recent history of Christianity or exposure to the Bible. It was exciting to see their concept of God grow from their Buddhist or Shamanistic backgrounds to the amazing truths in the Scriptures as taught by Pastor Sean in



Mongolian Church Leaders with Pastors Dean, Doug, and Sean

his "Theology Proper" course. It was also encouraging to see them marvel in the truth of Jesus and His New Covenant, as explained in the book of Hebrews, taught by Pastor Bertsch. Doug led them in a biblical counseling course to see God as their hope of walking through problems with His hope and strength. One student said "I was fully expecting my counselees to just follow my advice, but it did not work out like I expected, so I wanted to stop giving counsel. But *now* I see that I can lead them in developing their relationship with Christ, so they can live in the midst of their current and future problems. That is a better counsel: "Grow in Christ!"

Here are a few more verbatim testimonies shared at the close of the week of studying together.

- ♦ "For long time many tell me I need to study theology/Bible. But I thought I am just in the countryside. But now I seeing need to understand things taught in Bible better, to become like Jesus, and theology is not to just argue over words."
- ♦ "In witnessing I have many questions on God. Especially from Buddhist monks ask me about who is God. *Now I know* [from the Theology Proper course]!"
- ♦ "Two times I was called back home but could not stay away. On my return here, fe-

ver came—but had to come when I could get down here to classroom without falling over!"

Blessed are those who teach generational Mongolian leaders how to be Godly leaders!

NEXT TRIP TO TANZANIA

Dr. Erskine Dodson will be joining our teaching team in Tanzania this March. He is a retired Pastor from Trinity Baptist Church in Indianapolis and desires to teach internationally. We are introducing him to the possibilities of expanding Tri-M in Tanzania and are praying for the Holy Spirit's leading if God might be directing that way.



Cheryl must remain home for this trip as she hurt her knee and is having it treated.

Thank you for praying with us as we seek to represent you before our brethren around the world!

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