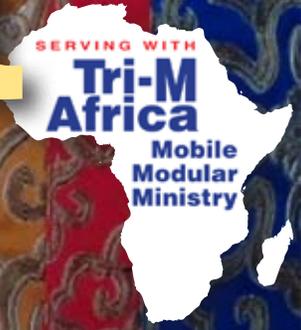


MAY — JUNE 2014

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“Go into all the world . . .” (Mark 16:15).

Dear Praying Friends,



MAy was a whirlwind of activity as Doug began the month by flying westward to Mongolia to teach a new group of Pastors and Church leaders. It was a wonderful time of establishing new relationships with 25 precious believers and leaders. He then returned for a few days to travel to Pennsylvania and report to a great Church family that is partnering with us in God’s ministry of Tri-M. After a few more days back “home,” Doug headed eastward to teach in South Sudan, missing going completely around the world in May by only a few time zones!

## MONGOLIA

As we have shared before, Doug is leading the new Tri-M group in Mongolia. The first group met us—and each other—to start training in the April/May teaching module. Not only were there 19 new *students* serving the LORD as Church leaders and Pastors, but we also had four new *Pastors* coming to be trained as “Mongolian Mentors” between the Tri-M teaching modules. It was very exciting to see the organized efforts of local leaders to establish relationships with each other and their new mentors through Tri-M modules.

Christianity is so new to this country and her people that these students are nearly all



*Mongolian Pastors and Church Leaders with Gary Dull, Dean Bertsch, and Doug*

first-generation believers. Many of them do not have contact with those outside their own immediate fellowships. Besides the learning that took place in the classroom, this training week assisted them in establishing a wider network of potential support and encouragement.

Classroom time went very well, with **Pastor Gary Dull** and **Pastor Dean Bertsch** sharing the teaching of the three courses that week, though not without some challenges. The course that Doug planned to teach had been replaced by a completely different one, in Mongolian, that was in the students’ handout notes. With a little adapting, Doug was able to teach by combining material from the previous course taught and his own, without most of the teaching notes available to him. At the end of the week, students gave marvelous testimony of God’s work in their midst despite the mix-ups. A few confessed that they came just to get away from the extreme pressure of the

ministry, but by the middle of the week, they were not only refreshed but also stretched to grow in their faith through the teaching from the Scriptures. The three courses fit well together and challenged some not to be content with preaching other peoples interpretations without discerning whether or not the material was truly faithful to the Scriptures. It was a blessing to be around brethren who were so open to the Holy Spirit’s leading through the teaching of God’s Word.

In Mongolia, we saw a wonderful testimony to the men’s genuine walk with the LORD. Through the unexpected circumstance of three Americans and a Mongolian playing a guitar during an off time, God moved the manager of the facility that was housing us to ask our small group to sing and share our joy with her staff of six. Quickly we rounded up four more Mongolians, who jumped right in and sang “Amazing Grace” in Mongolian. After the singing, one

of the Pastors casually slipped in and began sharing a clear Gospel presentation from John 3:16. The staff was invited to trust in Christ for the forgiveness of their sins and hope of eternal life. All six shook their heads very clearly in agreement. The Pastor again explained the Gospel, and they agreed that this was what they needed. The Pastor led them in praying for God's gift of eternal life! Throughout the rest of the week, the "cool dude" teenager, who served our tables, changed dramatically and asked questions from a Bible he had been given. Our "John Wayne"-style maintenance man no longer had a sour expression but greeted us each morning and throughout the day with a brilliant smile. All six workers were noticeably different after their new birth. Another amazing thing was that, while there was obvious joy among our students, they did not reminisce much about the six new converts; they just realized that God works that way when the Gospel is shared. Plans were made to follow up on this group and get them connected to a local Church. This is how the number of Christians exploded from single digits in 1992 to an estimated 100,000 believers in 600 Churches throughout Mongolia today! It is a great honor to play a part in assisting these faithful believers to be better prepared to serve Christ through the teaching of His Word! Thank you for being a significant part also through your faithful prayer and financial support.

## **SOUTH SUDAN**

This last trip saw the final courses in the Certificate Level being taught by Doug and the first graduation of the South Sudanese Evangelical School of Theology (SSEST). So far Doug has done all the teaching for this group, mainly because of the demands for survival, as this newest country in the world tries to establish herself after over 25 years of war and persecution. We were unsure of the next step SSEST leaders would make in this needy area; howev-

er, God was at work even when we could not see clearly. By week's end, they had come up with a plan to join Doug in the teaching responsibilities to enable these graduates to attain a higher level of training and still start a new group of Church Leaders that had already registered for next November. Praise the LORD!

There are still many obstacles to overcome before this plan can be put in motion. It will be more demanding on the students, as well as these new Sudanese teachers, to take on these responsibilities. However, it shows us that the Sudanese *do* have true ownership of this training and are determined to keep it going with or without Doug. It is encouraging to see such clear evidence of this attitude and confidence in our great God and Savior! God has made it clear that we are moving on to the next exciting step by sharing these teaching responsibilities.

## **NEXT OVERSEAS TRIP**

Doug and Cheryl will be heading out on a joint teaching trip in July. They will travel to Uganda, Western Kenya, and Tanzania and be part of the graduations of both men and women in two of these venues. We have already seen one venue in Tanzania completed and a new one begun by a Tanzanian Pastor who is doing Tri-M-style training with our courses. This required only minimal assistance from us to start and no further involvement on site to continue. This leaves just one ongoing venue for which we will be seeking God's wisdom regarding future involvement following graduation after the last week of teaching.

The ladies in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda are excited to be recognized along with the men's group for their diligent studies. In Kenya, **Pastor Thomas** is seizing many opportunities to expand the training there, as well as overseeing the planting of new Churches from his village Church. This man is amazingly adept at starting satellite schools and new vernacular groups for the training at CAMSOM.

It's as if God used us to be the spark that lit a bonfire in Pastor Thomas! There seems to be no stopping him now. And isn't that what Second Timothy 2:2 is all about?

## **PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR**

- God's leading in the lives of the Mongolian Mentors, who are following up on the students from our first April/May class, to be sure they understand and are applying the training in a culturally appropriate way
- God's strength and wisdom as the Sudanese SSEST Leaders begin to organize the expansion of the training there and take on the increased work of teaching with Doug
- God's supply for the costs of adding three Mongolian training modules in 2015
- Doug and Cheryl to be sensitive to God's wisdom and leading in the venues that are experiencing transitions
- Our youngest daughter, Dani, as she makes plans to transfer to IUPUI for the Fall semester

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

Rejoice with us over a wonderful first solo visit from our five-year-old grandson, Caden, in June! (We plan to be with his sister, Addie, and our daughter, Katy, in July.) We praise God for these little ones—and their parents!

Finally, thanks to Faith Baptist Church, in State College, Pennsylvania, for donating three laptops and two printers for Africans as they do translation and print Tri-M course notes.

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