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MONGOLIA



“Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account”  
(Philippians 4:17).

Greetings!

**G**OD HAS BEEN showing Himself in so many ways in our lives since last we wrote—but first, we want to again tell you how blessed we are to have brothers and sisters like you folks supporting us in prayer and praise before our heavenly Father. It has been an honor to partner with you and our overseas coworkers for these past 28 years!

**HISTORIC MOMENT**

We praise God for four churches and two individuals who assisted in making possible the very first printing of the *Concise Bible Concordance* in the Mongolian language. There have been many attempts to translate a book like this from English and Russian into Mongolian, but the results were awkward and did not fit with Mongolian grammar. By contrast, this new edition was produced from a computer program rooted in the Mongolian Bible, which had been translated directly from the original languages.

Doug was asked to write an Introduction that appears at the front of the book, and he was able to be present at



the book’s launching last September 29 while in Mongolia for a teaching module. There was much excitement at its dedication ceremony as we finally realized the provision of this valuable Bible study resource to the Mongolian churches. Join us in prayer as the Mongolian Union Bible Society (MUBS), our 3-M Mongolian training group, and church leaders across Mongolia seek to train believers in how to use this concordance in their everyday study of the Bible.

The concordance was published by

MUBS, however, the Mongolian 3-M program has contracted with MUBS to receive a portion of its sales, which will help enable pastoral training to continue after our involvement has ended. We expect to complete our ministry in Mongolia sometime in 2024 and are working on the transition so as not to interrupt any ongoing training.

For those who might have missed the opportunity to invest in the Concordance Project, a different opportunity is coming up (if Jesus does not return first): *The Ryrie Study Bible* in the

Mongolian language has been in the works for many years, and MUBS is getting ready for the first print run of this additional resource for church leaders. The project has been delayed several times, but now it appears to be close to a print date—provided sufficient funding becomes available. This can happen the same way the concordance was underwritten. Not only would your investment assist church leaders by having an affordable Study Bible, it would also provide the 3-M Mongolian training program future income. Please contact us if you feel led by the Lord to participate in this important opportunity.

### MASTER-LEVEL CERTIFICATE OPPORTUNITY & WHAT'S NEXT

Cheryl and I thank God for all our supporters in prayer and finances, allowing us to represent you in Tri-M. One of our supporting churches has been moved by God to invest in the training of our African coworkers. Tanzanian Pastor Michael and Ugandan Pastor Julius have been accepted into an on-line program that leads to a graduate-level *Certificate of Biblical Studies*. The six-course program requires a qualified sponsoring mentor. Doug has agreed to fill this role for the next two-and-a-half years, however before starting the study, each of these men must first pass an English Equivalency exam. Although both men are more than capable of passing, finding a means to take the exam has been difficult. There is an on-line option, but there have been technical problems preventing Pastor Michael from availing himself to it. Please join us in prayer for Doug and Pastor

Michael to be able to solve the problem soon. It would be a great benefit to both training programs if these men are able to study at this level.

As we continue encouraging and assisting our coworkers overseas who are carrying on the training, Doug is also exploring a potential stateside ministry after our Tri-M ministry draws to a close next year. He has enrolled in a part-time training program for a hospital chaplaincy position at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. It will be quite a switch from full-time teacher to part-time student, observer, and learner under this program. We are anticipating where God may lead us next year if Jesus does not return first, and we will communicate any changes in the ministry as soon as we know details.

### PRAISES

- Two of our overseas coworkers and Tri-M graduates have received Bachelor's degrees from Ugandan Baptist Seminary this year.



- Our Tanzanian partner has assisted in establishing two new training sites in Malawi and Western Kenya.
- Two independent South Sudanese

training programs (Y.E.S.T. and S.S.E.S.T.) have disciplined and added new teachers to their ranks.

- Mongolia 3-M has secured another Mongolian teacher to be ready to continue without American involvement in April 2024.



- In Mongolia we have seen over 75% of the first graduating class (eight years ago) become leaders of national ministries. PTL!
- Through your investment in Tri-M and the Boisverts, we are still in contact with nine East African training programs that continue without our direct on-site involvement. (And there is one more training program which seems to be doing fine on its own without our ongoing correspondence. Multiple graduates are being disciplined as teachers, expanding training into additional areas.)

This is all to the honor and glory of God! May His name be praised continually throughout the Earth! Amen.

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