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Vision:

Servants for the church, Leaders for the world

Mission:

UBTC equips servant-leaders through transformation holistic Biblical education for bringing God's kingdom into every area of life and values the unity of the body of Christ by evangelical faith.

Greetings from UBTC, Ulaanbaatar!

In August, the UBTC faculty and staff returned from their vacation and welcomed new students, providing them with introductory training. Furthermore, we are currently renovating the chapel, and our classes are engaged in active learning.

This semester, we are pleased to have 116 students from 73 Mongolian churches, accompanied by 9 full-time faculty members, 3 part-time teachers, and 9 dedicated employees who are collectively serving the students. The new semester commenced on August 22, and classes are ongoing in the classrooms. However, our Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) students are currently dealing with the results of the previous semester, with homework due this week, making it a busy period for them. Next week, the second semester of the MAOL program will begin, featuring Rev. John Thexton, PhD, Senior Director of Community Life at the Denver Rescue Mission, teaching Strategic Leadership, and Rev. Kyle Greenwood, PhD, Administrative Director of MAOL at DAI, teaching the Women in Leadership & Ministry class for one week.

Additionally, modular classes are set to commence soon, and there is still an opportunity to enroll your students in these classes! We kindly ask for your prayers for our students, that they may approach their studies with patience, draw wisdom from God's teachings and testimonies, maintain a joyful spirit, and

remain in His presence while being transformed according to His wonderful guidance.



In the new academic year, UBTC is implementing academic changes and has only opened admissions for the Bachelor of Theology class in the evening. Currently, we have enrolled 16 students in the Bachelor of Theology program, 4 students in the Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies, 8 students in the Evening Certificate in Christian Ministry, 1 student in a special class, and 1 student in the Modular class, totaling 30 new students.

The Christian Ministry Modular class is scheduled to commence on November 6th and conclude on December 1st. We are still accepting enrollments for this class, particularly targeting rural leaders. Below, you will find an introductory video providing more information about this program.



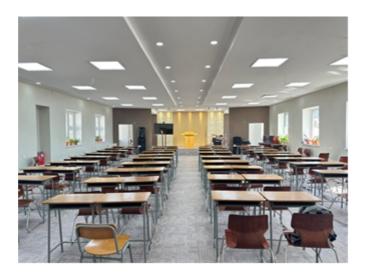
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Since last August, UBTC has been diligently engaged in the real work of renovating and transforming the Chapel and another room into a multimedia space. This ambitious project received approval from the UBTC Board, with a total budget of \$56,215 USD. We wish to convey our heartfelt appreciation to our valued partners who have played a pivotal role in making this project possible: Australian Local Leaders International, FCBC Walnut Church in the US, and the LeaDev Langham organization in New Zealand.

Currently, we are eagerly awaiting the funds committed by Coworkers and International Ministries, which, when received, will fully fund the project. This means we will soon have a chapel and multimedia room equipped with high-quality sound and video capabilities, enabling us to live-stream events on the Internet.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all those who have assisted to the realization of this endeavor.







Allow us to introduce Ankhzaya Nyamdavaa, a student of The Bachelor of Theology 3.

How did you come to believe in Christ?

Greetings to all. I hope you're having a wonderful day. I am delighted to share my journey of faith in Christ.

My childhood was filled with happiness and joy as I lived with my parents and brother. My first encounter with the church occurred when I was 10 years old,

around the time I was in the 3rd grade. I was accompanied by my relative's sister. I remember that day vividly; the church members sang uplifting songs and warmly welcomed newcomers. When it came time for me to introduce myself, I inexplicably burst into tears. Looking back, I believe it might have been the overwhelming feeling of introducing myself to a large group of people for the first time. What appealed to me the most about the church, aside from their warm welcome, was their tradition of gathering on Sundays and sharing delicious pastries and meals after the service. From that day forward, I continued attending with my sister.

In the 5th grade, my father went to work in Korea. A year later, my mother joined him there, a decision that came with significant financial sacrifices. Sadly, after only six months, my mother fell seriously ill. It later became clear that my parents were facing extremely challenging circumstances as they worked in a foreign country, almost like modern-day indentured laborers. One of the most distressing memories I have is when my father called me in a state of deep fear, abruptly ending the call as I learned that my parents had been detained by the police and were being deported back to Mongolia. Meanwhile, my mother was confined to a hospital bed, unconscious and utterly exhausted. Financially, our family was in shambles.

I will never forget the heart-wrenching sight of my mother, lying helpless in the hospital bed, with chains around her ankles. She remained in the hospital for an extended period, and during that time, my father, despite the bitter cold of winter, would carry her from one end of the hospital to another in a thin autumn season kurti. It was during these difficult times that some of our relatives began to question my sister's faith, attributing our family's troubles to her previous involvement with what they considered foreign religion. It's worth noting that before going to Korea, my mother had attended the congregation and participated in its activities, including prayers we shared with my sister at night. My once carefree and contented childhood transitioned into a period of

During this period, our entire household was in turmoil. All of our furniture and belongings were wrapped in red paper, and we found ourselves homeless. In response to these challenges, the four of us made the difficult decision to live separately. It was then that our grandfather submitted an application and secured a government-aided house, providing us with the opportunity to reunite within the confines of our relative's yard. For one year, I lived with my grandparents, apart from my parents, as our circumstances did not allow us to live together. During this time, I was in the 7th grade and became increasingly aware of my appearance. My academic performance was not at its best.

significant challenges during my adolescence.

However, by the time I reached the 8th grade, I had a profound realization. I began to pray earnestly to God, believing that a child who attends Christian meetings and places their faith in God should excel academically. I committed myself to studying diligently, and I consistently attended prayer gatherings

following the meetings. Consequently, I emerged as the top student in my class and was awarded the school's Golden Key. This period of academic excellence allowed me to deepen my understanding of the true God and align my path with His.

Living with my grandparents had its own set of challenges, but those difficulties played a crucial role in shaping the person I have become today. In the 9th grade, I moved back to live with my parents and younger brother. During this time, there were instances when I couldn't attend Christian meetings due to the distance involved and our limited financial means. We simply couldn't afford the bus fare. However, God's goodness shone through, as my pastor began providing me with monthly transportation assistance, allowing me to attend the meetings and serve in my faith.

I remember times when I would save some of the money meant for transportation and use it to purchase coal firewood, which served as a double blessing for my family. At that point, our family was primarily reliant on my mother's group income. One of the fondest memories from those days was when we would savor generous helpings of fat mantu and huddle together, all four of us in a row, to stay warm through the nights.

As time passed, my connection with the church deepened, and one significant event that stands out is when the church organized a seminar. It was during this seminar that I had a profound encounter with God, which marked a turning point in my life. Since then, God has continued to work wonders in both our family and my personal journey.

During this period, I established a daily quiet time routine, which involved spending a serene hour with God every morning. While studying the book of Joshua, I found immense hope in Joshua 1:8-9. These verses became a guiding light in my life, and I resolved to live by the Word of God.

Upon completing my 11th grade, I faced a challenging obstacle: pursuing higher education seemed impossible due to financial constraints. However, after successfully passing the entrance examination, I decided to work for a year to gather the necessary funds. As a tenth-grade student, my employment options were limited, and I found myself considering positions as a washerwoman or maid. It was a deeply discouraging moment, and I often found solace in prayer, even shedding tears in the wooden toilet near my neighborhood.

One day, I came across a job advertisement and decided to attend the job meeting. Unexpectedly, something remarkable happened, and I was selected for the job. This opportunity had a unique work schedule, where I worked one day and had a day off the next. Joyfully, I shared the news with my church teacher. However, I also explained that there might be times when I couldn't attend church on Sundays due to work commitments.

My teacher posed a critical question, asking me, "Who provides for you?" I replied, "God provides." In response, my teacher firmly advised me to prioritize

attending church on Sundays and, if my employer did not agree, it would be better to leave that job. Encouraged by this guidance, I continued working without pay until the 4th day when I mustered the courage to approach my manager and explain the situation. Remarkably, my manager granted me permission to attend church on Sundays once I clarified the reasons behind my request.

A year later, it was time for me to pursue my university education, and I continued to earnestly pray to God. During this period, my faith in the Lord Jesus, as depicted in the Bible, remained steadfast. I held onto the promise that "you and your family will be saved," and I believed that by attending the meetings and nurturing my faith, I could lead my family to the eternal kingdom. As time passed, I gained a deeper understanding of this divine promise.

One sunny day, my pastor had some wonderful news to share with me. During this time, my father was experiencing hearing difficulties. Despite having purchased expensive hearing aids while in Korea, they had unfortunately broken. However, on this fortunate day, my pastor informed me that he had a remarkable opportunity to assist me with my tuition fees and provide my father with a new set of hearing aids. What made this gesture even more astonishing was that the person helping us also wore hearing aids.

My pastor accompanied me to my father's location and asked me to bring a camera. It was on that day that my father began attending the meetings again. Witnessing the sheer happiness on my father's face was a heartwarming sight. From that point onward, our entire family started attending the church meetings together. I felt an overwhelming sense of joy, knowing that God had not only heard but also answered my tearful prayers.

I enrolled in Mongolian Teacher's University with the aim of becoming an elementary school teacher. During my first year, God graciously covered my tuition fees entirely, which was a tremendous blessing. However, during my second year of studies, tragedy struck as my father passed away from a heart attack. This was an incredibly difficult period for me and my family. Just seven days before his passing, we had worshiped God together as a family, and I hold that memory dear. Even in our darkest moments, God did not forsake us.

Despite the challenges, I persevered and managed to complete my studies successfully. Thanks to my mother's support, I secured a school scholarship for my last two years of school, allowing me to graduate. After obtaining my degree and passing the teacher's license exam, I began my career as a primary school teacher at a school for deaf children. Landing the job on my birthday was a special blessing for which I am truly grateful.

During my teenage years, my pastor had advised me at a seminar to aim to give back my first salary to God. Initially, it was just a suggestion, and I had asked for clarification. However, I eventually decided to commit to it, and I would often share this decision with my parents and siblings, vowing to give my

first salary to God. As time went on, I witnessed God's abundance in my life, and my income steadily increased.

After working for a year, I encountered a period of discouragement and prayed earnestly to God. It was during this time that I contemplated quitting my job. But God spoke to me clearly through His word, specifically Proverbs 31:8, encouraging me to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. This divine guidance filled me with the courage to continue working, and I have now been at my job for eight years.

Last spring, I had the opportunity to work with children who needed special care, and I independently completed a four-week training course. God's assistance was evident throughout this period. In gratitude for His blessings, I contributed my first salary, amounting to 2,000,000 MNT, as an offering to God.

What church do you attend and what ministry are you doing?

I have stopped attending the church I used to go to when I was younger. Currently, I attend the New Hope congregation and serve as a leader there. I am dedicated to serving the congregation to the best of my abilities. It is quite evident that my pastor, who serves in a distant location, carries a significant load of responsibilities. Despite the challenges, I remain committed to fulfilling my role in the ministry and supporting the church community to the best of my ability.

When and why did you join UBTC? What changes do you think came from studying at UBTC? What to do in the future?

As I approached my thirties, I felt a strong desire for change, renewal, and new adventures in my life. It was during this time that I made the decision to pursue studies at the School of Theology, which has proven to be one of the best choices I've ever made in my life. I am immensely grateful to God for guiding me in this direction.

Throughout my studies, I encountered numerous obstacles, but I am thankful that God provided unwavering support and enlightenment during these challenging times. For instance, my mother fell seriously ill, and my younger brother faced a deeply troubling situation, contemplating taking his own life. In these moments, I witnessed a complete transformation in my life—both in terms of lifestyle and my relationship with God. I continue to learn valuable lessons in discipline, expanding my capacity to love, and practicing patience. Through it all, I have come to understand that the work of God is driven by the Holy Spirit, transcending mere knowledge.

Upon reflection, I am profoundly grateful that I never resorted to complaining about the adversities that unfolded in my life. I extend my heartfelt thanks to God for consistently safeguarding me and my family from every impending threat, even in the midst of hardships.

Marriage is another significant aspect that underwent a transformation. In the

past, it held little importance in my life, but through my studies at UBTC, I gained a deeper and more accurate understanding of its significance.

Looking ahead, I aspire to place a greater focus on serving the deaf community and children's ministry. I also hold a vision of establishing my own training center, delving into the field of speech therapy, and providing assistance to numerous children. My sincere hope is to serve by being sent forth in these capacities.

I thank God for guiding my path and granting me the strength to embrace these new directions and adventures in life.

UBTC is currently engaged in two distinct projects this summer:

- 1. **Chapel Renovation Project:** As previously detailed, our chapel is undergoing a renovation to enhance its functionality and aesthetics.
- 2. **Insulation Project:** We are also actively involved in an insulation project. If you are interested in supporting these projects or learning more about our other UBTC ministry, please do not hesitate to contact our principal using the following contact information.





You can see detailed information through this link:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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THE FIRST BALANCE		(71,050,437)
TOTAL INCOME	DONATION INCOME	12,264,843
	OPERATING INCOME	38,276,178
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	FIXED COSTS	46,191,888
	OTHER ACTIVITY COSTS	33,517,389
THE FINAL BALANCE		(100,218,692)

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In Mongolia, as the kingdom of God takes root, His divine presence will ignite a transformation within the hearts of His people, leading to positive changes in Mongolian society. Let us hold onto this bright hope and work together to foster a revival of faith in Mongolia, where God's love and grace can permeate every aspect of society. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us strive to create an environment where Christian values are cherished, and where individuals are empowered to lead lives that reflect the teachings of Christ!







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