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 chilly Ulaanbaatar!**

On June 5th, UBTC celebrated its graduation ceremony, marking the successful completion of studies for 44 students. As we welcome a new semester, we're delighted to share that 37 fresh faces have joined our academic community. This includes 5 individuals in the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program, 12 students pursuing a Bachelor of Theology, 8 participants in the Evening Christian Ministry program, 1 individual specializing in Special Christian Ministry, and 11 students engaged in the Modular class. Presently, our vibrant campus hosts a total of 112 dedicated students. Our team comprises 9 full-time faculty members, 3 part-time teachers, and 9 supporting staff, all working hard to provide a nurturing educational environment. Beyond academics, we are committed to our mission. Every Monday, the faculty and staff of UBTC unite in prayer, lifting up intentions for the school board, administration team, students, graduates, the people of Mongolia, and the broader Christian community. Should you have any specific prayer requests, we warmly encourage you to share them with us!



Over the past 25 years, UBTC has maintained its legal standing as a "religious organization." However, the current situation poses challenges for the City Representative Council in upholding this status. Despite multiple attempts, UBTC has faced obstacles in obtaining registration as an "educational institution" from the Ministry of Education of Mongolia. A recent reform in the education law, endorsed by the Parliament (refer to the attached picture), indicates that matters related to religious education will be governed by the "Law on the Relationship between the State and Religious Organizations." Consequently, the school's status is ultimately defined within the framework of the "State Religion Law," with initial discussions taking place in October. In light of these developments, we ask for your thoughtful consideration of the "religious education issue" or the legal complexities surrounding UBTC as a "religious school." Your insights and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, we earnestly request that you include this matter in your prayers, as we navigate these legal intricacies with the hope of continued theological educational service.





On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, UBTC brought together all our classes, spanning different study times—day, evening, and modules. Students convened at the same time and place, collectively participating in the United

Thanksgiving Worship, expressing gratitude to the Lord God. This annual tradition, coinciding with the anniversary of UBTC's foundation, serves as a moment to reflect on the Lord's work in our lives. It's a time to recall the grace of the Lord, who has blessed, provided, and guided us, fostering an atmosphere of heartfelt appreciation.



This special occasion featured Rev. M. Maidar, a key figure on the Board member during UBTC's establishment, who shared inspirational words of God. The total donation during the worship amounted to 1,288,610, a generous contribution that UBTC has directed towards Christian organizations dedicated to serving others. Taking this spirit of giving further, our Student's Council members, representing the school, visited the "House of Hope" NGO, which extends its services to those struggling with alcohol dependence. They expressed gratitude for the NGO's impactful ministry to individuals facing societal challenges, learning more about their mission and, in turn, sharing the thanksgiving offering from UBTC. A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed (Proverbs 11:25).



The "Multimedia Chapel and Online Learning Room" project initiated by UBTC has become a tangible reality since last August. The ongoing process of renovating the chapel and transforming it into a multimedia space is nearing completion, with the entire project being fully funded. We are pleased to announce that the project is on track to be finalized by the end of this month. Our heartfelt gratitude extends to the generous supports from Australian Local Leaders International, FCBC Church of Walnut, USA, Beacon International Organization of New Zealand, the International Ministries of the US, and Coworkers of Germany. Their unwavering support has played a crucial role in bringing this project to fruition, and we are deeply thankful for their commitment to the advancement of our multimedia facilities at UBTC.



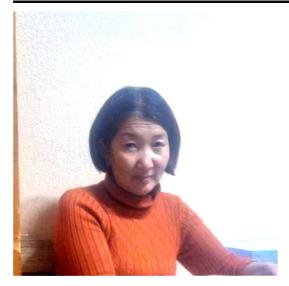
UBTC has recently launched an "Insulation Project" aimed at warming our north building. You can find detailed information about this initiative in the following link. Your prayers and support are greatly valued. Currently, a bazaar is underway at UBTC to raise funds for this project.

If you feel led to contribute and support our insulation project, we invite you to explore the various options available. For further details or to express your willingness to help, please reach out to the principal through the provided contact options. Thank you for considering being a part of our efforts to improve UBTC's old facilities.

Link: Insulation Project for the Exterior of the UBTC North Building







Allow us to introduce
Oyunnyam. S, a new student
of the Modular Class of
Christian Ministry:

## How did you believe in Christ?

My journey with Christ began in 2007 when I was struggling with insomnia and ended up in the hospital. It was during this difficult time that I came across a gospel tract, and as I read it, I embraced the belief in a living God who offers eternal life. Trusting in the Lord brought healing to my life, reshaping my outlook. I decided to live a life centered on trusting in God alone, rather than turning to other practices like visiting a monk or worshiping mountains and rivers. Since then, my relationships with family members have become more positive, and I developed a love for praying with my fellow sisters in faith.

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

Currently, I'm actively involved in the House of Praise in Bulgan Sum, Hovd Province, where I lead prayer and welcoming services. As believers, we believe

that our actions and commitment contribute to the destiny and development of our country, aspiring for a fair and just society.

## When and why did you join UBTC?

In 2021, after retiring, I felt a calling to deepen my understanding of the Lord, engage with the gospel, and pursue further studies. It was then that Pastor B. Lhavgasuren encouraged me to join UBTC, marking the beginning of my educational journey with the college. I'm excited about this new chapter in my life as I continue to grow spiritually and academically.

# How do you feel about studying at UBTC?

It brings me great joy to witness young individuals who have a deep connection with God and are actively walking in the path of the Lord. Through my study, I've come to realize the importance of regular communication with God and seeking His guidance every day.

During my time working in lifelong learning, I was involved in teaching lessons in the equivalency program and imparting moral values. However, it struck me that I was teaching morality without incorporating Jesus into the equation. This realization became even more apparent when I visited Italy, prompting a heightened sense of the need for prayer for our younger generation and a stronger emphasis on reading the Bible.

In our church, we are fortunate to have a vibrant young individuals. However, I've observed that many of them haven't had a thorough understanding of the Bible. This has inspired a desire within me to teach them more about the scriptures and to devote more time to prayer for their spiritual growth. My aspiration is to help guide the younger generation towards a deeper connection with God through both biblical teachings and heartfelt prayers.

#### What to do in the future?

It's truly inspiring to be reminded by the Lord of the importance of sharing the good news, particularly with those dedicated to serving our country. I have a strong desire to contribute in this field and now find myself yearning for a partner to join me in the Lord's work. My heart is set on serving and spreading the good news, and I trust that the Lord will guide my path and provide opportunities for meaningful impact. I am hopeful to find a like-minded partner to share in this spiritual journey together.

## Financial information

09.01.2023-10.31.2023

# OPERATING INCOME PAY COSTS TOTAL EXPENDITURE OTHER ACTIVITY COSTS THE FINAL BALANCE

66,425,180 54,680,058 139,894,245 (137,400,010)

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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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