



God's Gift of Faith Has Been Born In Me!



The 24-year old Mongolian Dolgor graduated and got a new job in the capital Ulaanbaatar.

She was just going to visit family in his hometown of Khovd, but then suddenly life took a new turn.

God wanted her to get to know Jesus. Dolgor grew up in Khovd, but moved to the capital Ulaanbaatar to study. After 4 years of study in college she recieved bachelor's degree in tourism economy in autumn 2009, and was fortunate to get a job in Ulaanbaatar. Then in January, she came back to her hometown. The idea was to take a month's holiday, celebrating the Mongolian New Year with family and then go back.

A job she could not imagine

My parents wanted me to stay in Khovd, says Dolgor. But I wanted to go back to work and my friends in Ulaanbaatar. I got advice from my mother to apply for a job as a maid for a missionary family from Norway. Such a job I could absolutely not imagine, I had a very good education.

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Without me knowing about it, my mother wrote my name on the list of job applicants! Dolgor laughs. Then one day the receptionist at the Norwegian Lutheran Mission's office in Khovd called and asked if I could come to a job interview! Well, I went to interview, but hoped that someone else would get the job. There was, after all, many on the list of applicants. The next day NLM contacted me, and I was asked if I could start work the next day.

I was surprised that I was selected and began to think that this was God's guidance. Previously, mother told me that she had begun to go to a Christian church, and would have me join her. When I quickly got a job offer in Khovd, I realized that God wanted me to go to church, and so get to know him and follow him.

So I started the new job as a maid for the family tobarns Sørhus. After I started working, I liked the job very well, and was fond of this family.

Believed God had created the world

I heard about Jesus for the first time when I was 16 years old, explains Dolgor. At school I heard that there were Christian churches in Mongolia. I also met Christians on the street who invited me to church and handed out small pamphlets about Jesus.

If I had free time I would come, I said, but never went. Although I did not go to church, I believed that God had created the world and prayed to him.

First time in Church

Only when I came home in January was the first time I went to church.

She went with her four younger siblings to a seminar on a Saturday about marriage and cohabitation. Many people came to church that day, and some missionaries from the NLM were teaching.

Did not know much about Jesus

-Who told you only the gospel of Jesus? - There are two people I want to thank for it, answer Dolgor. My mother told me that she had begun to believe in Jesus, that he is good and right for us.

I also had a conversation with NLM's administrative manager of Khovd. After I had signed a contract, I was sitting talking to him. He asked me if I knew anything about Jesus. "I believe in God but do not know much about Jesus," I replied.

Then he quoted Jesus in John.14, 6: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me " and he explained the verse for me. From this verse I realized many things and learned about Jesus.

Heaven's window opened

After this Dolgor been faithfully worship services, prayer meetings and Bible study in Bayariin meed-church. Gradually the belief grew up, and after a time she took the step of faith and confessed publicly that she had begun to believe in Jesus.

"God has given birth to faith in Jesus in my heart, in a very short time," she testifies, "and this is the greatest gift God has given me. It's like heaven's window has been opened for me through faith in Jesus.

Now I pray to God, love God and have become more familiar with God. God has created us that we should love him, and he has borne our sins, "she continues."Because of this we must love, sing praise and honor God. God created the world and people, and sent His only Son to us. It is only through Jesus we can come to God, "she says.

Not Ashamed

"When I talk to friends and they ask for news, I reply that I have come to believe in Jesus!" Says Dolgor with a smile. "I'm not ashamed to say that I believe in him. At home I sing songs about Jesus when I get up, wash my face, and when I go on the road. My younger siblings, I try to get into church for bible study and prayer meeting. "

When asked why she needs Jesus, she replies that she needs him in every

way. "Jesus is always good to us. He suffered and died on the cross for us and redeemed us. He has forgiven my sins, and wants us to have a use for him. "

I am Rich

She has been well received in the church. The leaders follow up on the new arrivals in a good way. For example, they started a group for those in the congregation who did not have much knowledge of the Bible. At the first session was the theme of creation.

"I feel that I am rich, God is always with me and I have made many good friends in the church," said Dolgor. "It is Jesus alone I believe. I want to learn more about him and want to reach my Mongolia and the world to tell the good news of him. "

Editors note: We recently received news from Pastor Terry Olson that his son David has received a commission from NLM to join the work in Mongolia. He will be there from 2-4 years and will be commissioned at the Tri-Annual Conference of NLM in July in Lillehammer, Norway. We hope to have more detailed information on his work for the next issue of the BANNER.

Norway News

20 Years of Christianity in Mongolia

For four days in September Christians from many parts of Mongolia gathered in the capital of the grand celebration of the anniversary. Various meetings and seminars combined 3000 people on most things, and among other things, there was a many-hour marathon worship in a concert hall in Ulaanbaatar. The closing meeting was held on Sunday, September 18, 2000 and then we gathered for an outdoor prayer meeting outside the concert hall.

From 4 to 50 000

Christianity in Mongolia has a short history - with an enormous growth. In 1991, the first 4 Mongols congregations were established. Now there are about 600 congregations scattered across the country, and it is estimated



With thanks and adoration as a recurring theme we recently celebrated Christianity in Mongolia's 20th anniversary.

that there are 50,000 believers. It is also a fact that the increase has stagnated in the last 4-5 years. This may be related to increasing materialism among the people in general. In addition, other religious movements, such as shamanism has seen a dramatic resurgence recently.

"His steadfast love endures forever"

But Mongolian Christians are bold. A group traveled from Khovd to attend the 20th anniversary. They had been invited to present a musical program during the worship marathon, and last week before leaving the group practiced every night! They performed two songs accompanied by traditional Mongolian instruments and modern instruments. One group performed a Mongolian traditional dance during the song, that complimented the theme.

The group embarked on the 150 mile long journey to Ulaanbaatar with the money for travel only one way. However, in the belief that God would give them what they needed, they came well up to Ulaanbaatar. They performed their numbers, and came back to Khovd, safe and sound! One of the lyrics from Psalm 100 probably still rings in their heads: "Know that the Lord is God! He has created us, and we are his people, the flock of His pasture he feeds ... For the Lord is good, His mercy endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. "(Psalm 100, 3 and 5)

Hungary News

This is the third year in the youth ministry of EKE with conferences organized separately for the age group below and above 18. This spring, family was the theme of the weekend youth conferences. What does God say about it in the Bible? How can we fill in our roles in our own families? We experience that the institution of family suffers a lot of attacks from every side. It is important for the youth to form a right picture of why and for what purpose God gave us this frame for our lives in this world. Here follows a report of a participant of the senior conference, which was attended by over sixty people.

Report on the youth conference in Piliscsaba

Getting out of the car, the fresh breeze of spring touched me. Birds were singing joyfully above my head, and sunshine was warming my face. Spring was here.

As I caught sight of Bethel Home in Piliscsaba, a thought was formed in me, "I do not want to go home the same as I came here." Even the theme of the youth conference, "how to live as believers in our families," had excited me. It was just the proper time for me to hear about it. I had expected much of this weekend, and I was not disappointed. The lectures affected many issues, such as: What makes a home function well? What powers destroy the family? What is our role in the family? How should we relate to one another? What are the beauties of preparation for marriage? Small group talks gave us chances to discuss and argue about the things we heard, and find answers to our questions.

While listening to all these things, I became aware that before and above all, I must strive for harmonic relationship with the Lord. If that is real, it launches a change in the family as well. I should not wait for the other

person to change, but I must see where I ought to change. Apart from this, it is not for me to lead my parents to the right way.

Another thing I must learn urgently is to honor both my parents and my brothers and sisters.

One of the most important issues for all young people is finding someone to live in marriage with. We spoke of this, too, of course. The key is that to “do” it the right way, we must totally entrust it to the Lord. Time can be spent in a useful way during that: we can prepare for the next period of life, getting to a deeper relationship with the Lord. The worst thing we can do is get embittered of being alone, for even being alone has some beauties we can and should find.

What I still say is that it was worth going to this conference, for I received many gifts from the Lord. There are things, however, still waiting for me to “consume” and to realize. I am aware that I must make efforts. Just as in a room with disorder inside, nothing will get ordered just by itself, neither in my life.

Virág Kiss

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

This is how my iPhone was advertised. It sure made a lot of changes in my life. I have a translation program with it now for my mission trips I simply type in the words in English that I want to say and it translates it into whatever language I need. I have another program called Skype that lets me video call my friends anywhere in the world...I use it to talk for free to my friends in Hungary and Brazil, Amazing, incredible But changing everything, I don't think so.

I think the only thing that can be truthfully advertised as changing everything is the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Think about how the resurrection has changed how we look at things and how we live and even how we die.

To illustrate the changes that His resurrection has made, think about the cross & the tomb, this life and the future.

Before His resurrection, the cross was known only as a Roman instrument of horrible death, rough wood soaked with human blood. So terrible was this form of execution that the Roman Empire prohibited the crucifixion of Roman citizens. Crucifixion was only for the worst of slaves & enemies of the empire.

But today, because of His resurrection, we wear a replica of the cross as a piece of jewelry, a thing of beauty, for all around the world the cross is seen as a symbol of hope, forgiveness, new life & a reminder of God's love for us.

And what about His tomb? Before the resurrection, for most of the world, the grave was looked upon as the final chapter, the closing of a great door, and the end of everything. But the resurrection of Jesus changed everything. Death lost its sting; death is now simply the transfer home of the child of God.

Because of His resurrection, we can rejoice today that beyond death is where life really begins, & it will never end.

Then there is the change in how we live THIS life because of Jesus

resurrection. . Have you been listening to the messages of the world lately? Have you been hearing the voices of hopelessness & despair that seem to be so pervasive today?

We have become so painfully & personally aware of the presence of terrorism on our planet. The men & women of our armed forces are spread across the globe engaged in a prolonged battle against the forces of hatred & evil. And the conflict between Israelis & Palestinians continues on & on.

There are diseases for which we have no cures; there are problems in the home, marriages falling apart, and children being abused not to mention a lousy economy.

If you watch & listen very long, you can be filled with despair. And if the only hope that we have is the hope that this world offers, we have no hope because the message of this world is despair.

In contrast, Jesus said, "I have come to bring you life, & that more abundantly, (John 10:10) to show you how to live, to bring you hope & joy & peace & love, to give you a reason for living." Jesus resurrection gives us life not only in the future but abundant life today.

Then there is the change in the way the child of God looks at death. Before the resurrection, death was the end. Before the resurrection, death was the final curtain call. Before the resurrection, all we could do is mourn as those who have no hope.

But after the resurrection, when a believer dies, we mourn because we have lost a loved one. But we mourn as people who have great hope because Jesus Christ is alive, & the promise of Scripture is that if He is alive, then we, too, can live forever. His shed blood forgives our sins, & we have the promise of everlasting life. It changes the whole concept of death itself. **CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN!!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

Before the resurrection, time was a limited thing. The Bible talks about the breath of life that we have in our nostrils, & then it is gone. And there

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is no promise that when we exhale that we will inhale again. Life is brief indeed.

I'm wearing reading glasses now, my hearing isn't great, there's gray in my beard and I have a lousy back – I'm falling apart!!!

That's rather discouraging, isn't it? You see, time is slipping by. It's going so fast that it's hard to hold on to anything, isn't it? On THIS side of the resurrection, time is brief.

But on the other side there is Jesus & eternity, & a home in heaven for every believer & that changes the whole purpose & meaning & scope of our life. THIS TIME THIS LIFE IS ONLY PREPARATION FOR OUR REAL LIFE...THE WE I'LL ENJOY WITH JESUS FOREVER AND EVER. CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN!!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Labor Day Family Retreat

You are invited to the Labor Day weekend family retreat

– sponsored by Hauge Foreign Mission.

The dates are Friday August 31- Monday September 3, 2012 at the ARC (Association Retreat Center) in Osceola Wisconsin.

Our theme:

Crown Him with MANY Crowns!

*They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power;
for you created all things,
and for your pleasure they are and were created.”*

Revelation 4:10b-11

This year speakers include Pastor Michael Brandt of Shepherding the Shepherds ministry and Pastor Tim Johnson of Pipestone, Minnesota. We will also be joined by representatives from EKE (Lutherans for the Gospel) coming from Hungary.

Keep checking the website for further information as well as the ability to register online soon. I plan to mail out retreat brochures in May.

Receipts

<u>January 2012</u>		<u>February 2012</u>		<u>March 2012</u>	
General Fund	152.50	General Fund	152.00	General Fund	1,410.00
Hungary	240.00	Hungary	155.50	Hungary	85.00
NLM	150.00	Japan	50.00	NLM	250.00
Camp Fund	10.00	Tanzania	20.00	Ethiopia	25.00
Jan '12 Total	\$552.50	Camp Fund	10.00	Peru	25.00
		Feb '12 Total	\$387.50	Camp Fund	10.00
				Mar '12 Total	\$1,805.00

Fiscal year 2011 ends September. (2012 Fiscal year begins in October)

<u>Mission Gifts:</u>	<u>Jan, Feb, Mar '12</u>	<u>TOTAL Fiscal Year 2012</u>
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