



NEWS FROM NORWAY



Kazakh eagle hunter.

Photo taken by Nathaniel Olson.

Article by Frida Blaker – printed September 11 2015 in Utsyn – translated by David Olson

Starting in a New City

“I am excited to move,” says David Samuel Olson. At this time both he and Karen Colban Hoel have moved and are getting settled in the city of Ulgii, Mongolia. NLM has implemented a health project in Bayan-Ulgii province for seven years and in the past year has also extended the social project to include this province.

Giving support to the project work

David thinks it is natural that NLM now is placing missionaries in Bayan-Ulgii. He believes there is still a need to strengthen both the health sector and social services sector in this area. Those of us who will be moving to Ulgii will support the current project work and hopefully pave the way to make it possible for other good project work for several years to come,” he says.

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NLM has had missionaries in Khovd since 2008 and is just now placing missionaries in Ulgii, which is even further west in the country.



The Bayan-Ulgii and their culture. This picture is of the game Buzkashi where they fight over a goat carcass to make a "basket". Photo was taken by Derek Blestrud.

David has lived in Mongolia for three years. He has traveled back and forth the past winter and spring between North Dakota and Mongolia while working on different small tasks. David is actually an American but is sent as an NLM missionary.

Building relations

What will be your concrete tasks in Ulgii?

I will build up a new office.

And it will be Karen and my job to build on the relations we already have and build new relations. The first months will be important to build a good rapport with the government. NLM must

also begin to think about what kind of projects are wanted in the province in the future.

Our job and wish is to work closely with the government and other potential partners to start the process for developing new projects that can begin when our current projects are finished. So there will be a lot of project planning.” Karen is going to study Kazakh language the first year in addition to working as a consultant in the social services project. She will also assist with the planning of new projects.

“NLM has a clear and important wish to work in areas where the message of Jesus is little known,” says David. “Mongolia has experienced a lot of church growth in the past few years, but there are still few Christians in the western part of the country. But another important reason for working in Ulgii is because it is one of the poorest areas in the country. We are working through our projects so that those in need can have a better life, and at the same time we hope to show and tell people about what Jesus has done for all people by His death and resurrection.”

Country boy

You have worked in the capital Ulaanbaatar. How do you believe you will like Ulgii? I have always been more of a country boy, so I believe it will be good to get out of the big city,” answers David. Bayan-Ulgii is the westernmost province in Mongolia and has borders with China and Russia. A little further west is Kazakhstan. Mongolia does not share a border with Kazakhstan but the border only lies a few kilometers from Bayan-Ulgii's western border. It is about 140 miles between Khovd and Ulgii, and there is no airline connection between the two. The only way to

reach Khovd from Ulgii is by road with the first 40 miles being asphalt and the remaining miles gravel or dirt road.

David will have an important job in addition to work in Bayan-Ulgii starting this fall. He will become NLM's Country Director in Mongolia.

When does this happen?

"The plan is that I take over those responsibilities on November 1. I will have this job until a new Country Director is in Mongolia next summer. And I will actually continue to live in Ulgii even after I start those responsibilities. There will probably be some travel involved."

Must trust in God

What do you think about becoming the Country Director?

I am happy to help NLM with this responsibility even though I am maybe a little nervous thinking about it. But NLM currently has many good and capable leaders in Mongolia right now and they have promised to help me. I hope and pray that I can be a God-fearing and humble leader. I must trust in God that He will be with me and lead me in the decisions that must be taken."

Do you think this will be ok for an American?

"Yeah, good question!" laughs David. "Maybe I should not announce too much that I am an American! No, I believe everything will go well. I am very appreciative to NLM that they have asked me to take on this responsibility," finishes David Samuel Olson.

David Olson of NLM with a "man stone" with a typical Bayan-Ulgii countryside view.



Bayan-Ulgii people. Picture was taken by Derek Blestrud.



BONUS NEWS FROM NORWAY

EDITORS NOTE: NLM holds their General Assembly every third year at varying locations in Norway. This year's Assembly was held from July 7th - 12th in Randeberg just outside of Stavanger. NLM always invites representatives from HFM to attend due to our long standing ministry partnership. This year HFM was represented by Joel Unverzagt - President of HFM and myself, Jonathan Unverzagt - BANNER Editor along with our wives, Gina and Hope the following article was originally printed in UTYSN after Joel Jonathan were interviewed at the General Assembly. Thank you Sonja Vårdal for the translation. Sonja was one of the hosts for the International guests of NLM



Joel (left) and Jonathan Unverzagt from Wisconsin USA. They are leaders of the Hauge Mission which is supporting the NLM economically.

The American NLM by *Kristoffer Krohgn Sævre*

When Gabriel Eikli moved to Japan in 1949, a farmer from the USA sent a container to Japan which became Eikli's home in the beginning. Since it's beginning Hauge Foreign Mission has supported NLM economically. Brothers Jonathan and Joel Unverzagt are continuing their engagement as their grandparents did.

Many of the Norwegian immigrants that came to the Mid-West came from the Hauge Movement and took with them personal experience of salvation, service of the layman and simple worship. This is the basic in our services, says Jonathan Unverzagt, pastor and one of the leaders in the Hauge Mission. Together with his brother Joel and their wives they attended the NLM's General Assembly in Randaberg.

The Hauge Mission has never had their own missionaries, but we are sending support to the NLM, says Jonathan whom is the oldest of the grandchildren to pastor Alvin and Emma Larsen, who was a leader in the Hauge Foreign Mission for many years.

Received many missionaries.

The father of Joel and Jonathan died when they were small children so they lived with their grandparents during the summers.

-We had many missionaries from the NLM visiting us, like Jon Jøssang, Eikli, Finseth, and Gunnar Oseng. -We have tried to find Gunnar here at the General Assembly, have you seen him? asked Joel and looked all around at the General Assembly Hall. Our grandparents often took the Norwegian missionaries around to churches to get support.

The most important activities to the Hauge Mission today are the yearly Bible Camp. About 130 delegates meet. Half of the delegates are 20 years and younger. The dream of the Hauge Mission is that some of the young people will choose to become a missionary for the NLM.

It has been inspiring for us that an American is a missionary for the NLM today; it has strengthened our relation to the NLM. David Olson in Mongolia came from the same church as us, something that has given us inspiration. At the assembly we have a strong focus on mission and we are sending support to the NLM 6-7 times a year.

Thankful partners

Joel and Jonathan think the support from the Hauge Mission is modest compared to the total budget, but are thankful to be treated as a partner. in missions. The gifts to the NLM through the Hauge Mission are tax exempt, something that an individual cannot get without giving donation through an organization. We have regular visits from the NLM, this year we will have Tore Vågen visiting us and to tell and preach. Did I pronounce his name right? Asked Jonathan with a smile. None of them speak any Norwegian, but they have different people which can translate Utsyn-articles for them.

Organized as the NLM

Jonathan is a pastor in The Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC), but Joel is a businessman and a leader of the Hauge Mission. They follow the debate with interest about the religious community in the NLM, even if it was a strange approach to the problem for the American brothers.

We have not had any State Church and regardless no strong attachment to this kind of church. I understand the arguments from both sides but believe that the USA's religious communities are so different in structure and have been established long time ago. *(That it's hard for us to understand all the implications of the debate. - Editors explanation)*

The Hauge Mission has no membership like the way the NLM is organized, but direct their mission work toward the young people. Youths which like to attend the HFM Bible Camp.

Our prayers are that many will be called of God to mission work.

We are so impressed over the General Assembly; there are so many families and young people here. We can see that the NLM has a heart and a purpose which we share. We are the American version of the NLM, concluded Jonathan Unverzagt.

News from EKE (Lutherans for the Gospel) in Hungary

Dear Reader, Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you our summer camp experiences. Our local church, the Lutheran Church in Csurgó, invited children and youth into three different camps this summer. By the grace of God, all three camps were spent and finished in a wonderful way. It was good to come together around the Word of God. It was good to see the smiles of children, parents and grandparents. It was good to see the contribution-in-kind and other sorts of help from generous brothers and sisters. God's grace made this year special, since we, together with the Good News to Every Home Foundation, held a town mission week as well.

The third daytime camp for children was held between June 29 and July 3, with the motto "The Never-Ending Journey." A journey for all of us, so that the course of our lives could not be measured in years only, but it could really be an endless, eternal journey. But how can someone realize this? What do I have to do to make my life really an eternal journey, not just a "long journey?" The Apostle Paul and his journeys helped us with that. His way to Damascus turned into a new and life-changing journey, for he met the Living Lord Jesus. This encounter changed everything. If only a lot more people met Jesus in their lives! If only a lot more people could decide for Jesus, and start a new, eternal life! There were 21 children and adults in this camp altogether. Apart from those living here, children also came from Iharosberény, Nagyatád, and Berzence.

Thanks to all of our helpers, Lilla Jeszencsák, Anna Krizsán, Dominika Papp, Dávid Szerecz, and Vivien Dobis. Thanks to Bernadett Szaka for teaching folk dances, and to Anikó Szerecz for craft programs. Thanks to the employees of the museum in Csurgó for receiving and guiding us. Thanks to Zsuzsa and Kata, the kitchen helpers. To God be the glory! May He pour out His Holy Spirit on us, and let our lives be an endless journey.

The fourth daytime guitar camp was held between July 6 and 10. It was about playing on the guitar, leading singing, and worshiping God—most importantly, with attention to God, our Creator, Who is worthy of praising His name. In the mornings, we received an in-depth teaching of music theory. We learned about the basic ideas including chords of three or four notes. The afternoons were spent by practicing, playing on the guitars. Practical training was done in several groups. I led the group of beginners, while advanced guitar players were led by Lilla Jeszencsák, Dominika Papp, Dávid Szerecz and Pastor Márton Kulcsár. Rebeka Molnár taught teens with upper-advanced guitar knowledge. We say thanks for their ministries; to God be the glory! The campers, both beginners and advanced, made a great progress. May God grant them that this could inspire them to further education, ministry and praising God.

From July 20 to 25, we were together with nearly 80 campers in a camp organized by the EKE mission foundation, in the Bethel Mission Home in Piliscsaba. We set off from the Lutheran church in Csurgó on Monday afternoon, with seven participants. In the evening, our minibus reached the beautiful village of Piliscsaba. The theme of the camp was especially relevant: A self-adorer meets the “I Am”, that is, the work of God in the life of Joseph. A famous person once said, “Egoism is the beginning of all kinds of ‘ism’”. “This person was right, it is perfectly so. All kinds of “ism” begin with egoism, adoring ourselves as gods. Joseph, the spoilt son of Jacob, is being formed in God’s hands. In the depth of the well, he decides for God. He could no longer count on people; by telling bad news of his brothers, he had lost their trust and love. The first two days were related to this: “On your own way, on the way of the world – Dreams and bad news”, Gen 37:2–11, and “In depth and misery – Well and slavery”, Gen 37:18–36; 39. On the third and the next days, we learned about the walking in new life, through the life of Joseph already obeying God. “Walking with the Lord in our individual fights – Steadfast in the whirlpool of flesh and money”, Gen 39:1–23; “To be forgiven and to forgive – Distribute God’s grace”, Gen 41:1–11 and Gen 45:1–15; “Instruments in saving lives – Conscious soul saving”, Gen 41:46–57 and Gen 46:1–6. Many of the young campers were inspired to wake up and turn to God. One issue remains: where are we—in the slavery of self-adoration, or another idol, or do we serve God? Dear reader, have you woken up from spiritual sleeping? Do you fight the good fight of faith?

The sermons and lectures of the Piliscsaba camp can also be listened to online on <http://eke.lutheran.hu/hangtar.php>.

From August 10 to 16, our local church and the Good News to Every Home Foundation organized a Town Mission week. What does it mean? The co-workers of the foundation and our church visited every home in Csurgó and in Szentá (the village next to us), inviting everyone to the weekend events, giving them tracts. They prayed together with the family if that was needed, or they gave Bibles and other literature to those who lacked and needed them. There was a film club on Saturday night; then on Sunday, we had a family program with the Harmony group of singers, and a slide show on the issue of daily bread. Many people think of them as some special kind of people. They are not. Most of them are Evangelical-Lutherans, like us, serving together with Reformed and Baptist people. What makes them different is that they do something for the Lord. They listen and obey to Him—for some time in their lives, Jesus found them, called them to new life, and they said yes to the call, decided for Jesus. They are born-again, spiritually strong people, who can bear burdens of others. Dear reader, where are you in faith? Have you been born again? Do you grow in spirit? Let this nice song encourage all of us.

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;

forward into battle see his banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to
war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

May God bless all of us, may He give revival
and growth in body and in spirit!

Zsolt Györgyi

*Banner editor on left Pastor Zsolt Gyorgyi
of Csurgo on right taken outside his church
during the 2013 Mission trip.*



BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

MISSION TRIP TO HUNGARY - JULY 2016

We are once again sending a team over to Hungary to help EKE in the teaching of their youth camps. The dates are July 13/14 - 31st of 2016.

We will be doing games, crafts, recreation and some teaching. Approximate cost will be \$1100-1200 per person. If you are interested in joining this team please email the Banner Editor at millpondguy@gmail.com to get on the list, to be keep up to date and to answer any questions or provide more details. We will teach at 2 camps one each week.

Whiter than Snow - Psalm 51:7

Hauge Foreign Mission's Family Retreat

- Friday highlights: as the first of (130+) retreaters started rolling into the ARC in Osceola WI. Pastor Michael Brandt of Shepherding the Shepherds Ministry - introduced our theme by preaching on the passage and the Hymn associated with it, "Whiter than Snow." He pointed out our "Longing" to be perfectly whole.
- As we looked at the story of King Davids sins with bathsheba we saw how his longings were not the longings of God. We saw from the life of David that when our longings are not of God they will bring disaster not ONLY not your life but also those around you.
- God longs for us to be perfectly whole!
- Saturday highlights: We started with a time of prayer to start our day lead by HFM board member Arthur Dahl.
Morning bible study: Pastor Ron Wik of Colfax, WI began a bible study in the book of Hebrews to understand the assurance of salvation because of Jesus sacrifice. We focused on the word "THEREFORE" found 16 times throughout the book.
Therefore is a connecting word. Because of what was said before it...here should be your response. THEREFORE - establishes a fact and then leads to a conclusion based on that fact.
Every
time you read the bible you should look for Jesus because the whole bible is all about Him.

Mission Hour: Emalynn and Marquelle Dahl shared on their mission trip to India this summer with Journey Missions. They pointed out in spite of the Caste system the Hindu religion and the cultural prohibition that discourages socializing amongst men and women the gospel continues to advance in India and souls are being saved.

Testimony time:

Many people young and old shared favorite verses and we sang favorite hymns. One young lady Rachel Stuart shared how a friend of her's had recently become a christian.



Evangelistic Service: Pastor Brandt of Rapid City, SD

- Christine Kinney - shared special music - “
- Isaiah 1:18, “Come now, Let us reason together...”
- God is asking us to come together and let His Spirit reason with our spirit. It's God almighty who wants to reason with us for the sake of our soul. God wants to reason with you so that perfectness of Christ will continue to abound in your life.
- Reasoning together happens when we get face to face with Jesus.
- The things we hold onto are the very things that undermine the things God wants to do in our life.
- Hypocrisy - “motion sickness” - there are a lot of Christians just going through the motions. Satan loves christians who fall into the trap of being saved and satisfied as opposed to those who are being saved and sanctified. Hypocrisy looks good - but it's phony.
- The answer to hypocrisy is transformation a change of heart. Acts 3:19 “Therefore repent and return so that your sins might be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;”
- One of the fruits of repentance is - refreshing for your soul.
- 2 Cor. 5:17 - God doesnt want reform - He wants to make you totally new.
- Reasoning with God produces lasting fruit!



- Sunday Highlights: HFM Board member Don Hanson led us in devotions and prayer to start our day.

- Morning Bible study:

- As a believer you do not gain victory in your life by focusing on the Law but by focusing on your life in Jesus. We need to move on in our maturity as christians and grow up in our faith in Christ. There will be changes in your life because God lives in your life.
- The beginning is still ahead for the christian because what we do here flows into eternity. Eternity just begins to unfold your faith and what it has done and how it has impacted other people.
- For unbelievers they will also see people lives whom they've touched and destroyed - the results of sin moving on and on into eternity. The other side of that is believers - whose sin have been blotted out and we see the results of that faith going on and on impacting lives.
- We need someone to intercede to stand between us as sinful people and the Holy God. There is an interceder for us - Jesus Christ our permanent High Priest.

- Evangelistic Service:

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- We enjoyed special music by Mark Swanson, Bob Swanson, Scott Barnhart, Tim Haagenson, Cassie Dickow & Sam Higgins.
- Isaiah 55:10 - Snow & Grow
- The “ands” of God.
- “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”
- Its a great thing to lay your head on your pillow at night and reflect on God using you that day. Oh may you use me God.
- God’s blessings are to be IN and THROUGH us. If tis just IN we tend to grow stagnant. We can’t just be blessed we need to be a blessing.
- The “ands” of life are in the hands of God.
- Afternoon:
- The rain cleared long enough for us to have our annual small childrens softball game followed by the adult campers game.
- Evening:
- Mission Hour:
- Aaron Dahl shared on his 6 week trip to East Asia this summer and shared of the many oppourtunities to share the Gospel he and the team from CRU experienced.
- Joel & Gina Unverzagt and Jonathan & Hope Unverzagt shared on their trip to Norway for the General Assembly of Norwegian Lutheran Mission. This Tri-Yearly conference was held in Stavanger Norway and attended by just about 5,000 members. The assembly voted this year to start a membership for NLM for those who consciences would not allow them to remain in the liberal State church of Norway.
- Mondays Highlights
- HFM Board member Austin Ross - lead us in devotions
- Morning Bible study: (Wik)
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- Hebrews 11. Do you have a dead faith or a living faith? God is preparing us for what is ahead. Revelations 21:1-4
- What does the world have to offer us? Death
- What does Christ have to offer us? Life
- Hebrews 13 - There are a lot of prisoners who are not in prison. They are in prison in their own souls to their doubts, fears, past abuse, sins. In Christ you do not need to be a prisoner anymore.
- Evangelistic Service: (Brandt)
- Snow as covering snow as protection snow as the second coming of Jesus - Revelation 1:14 (put verse)
- The next great event is Jesus coming back. I think the more you think about Jesus second coming the more you'll be helped in your living today.
- God's word to those who have received Him is..."I'm Coming."
- "I hope your ready to welcome Jesus!"



More retreat pictures on the webpage: www.haugemissions.org

News from The Halversons

Recently

I (Jamie) was training one of our new Papua New Guinean employees about how to load our airplanes. During that time I learned that he was from the Madak language on the island of New Ireland. He had lived in the capital city, Port Moresby, for the past 18 years and was not aware of the translation work that had been done in his language. One morning, as we continued his training, I brought a copy of the Madak New Testament and Madak hymn book to work and handed them to him. He looked down at them and then up at me with eyes open wide, as if to say, "I can't believe what you have just handed me." A couple of days later I asked him if he had been able to read any of the New Testament or sing any songs. He told me, "God is now so close; before when I sang songs in the trade language He wasn't close." What a privilege it is to be a part of giving the Word of God and other materials to people in their own language!

Jamie Halverson

Jamie and Lisa Halverson, with their three children, Thad, Thea, and Zeke, serve through aviation in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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Receipts

July 2015

G.Fund	154.10
Hungary	60.00
Retreat Scholarships	10.00
NLM-G. Fund	250.00
NLM-David Olson	300.00

July. '15 Total 774.10

August 2014

General Fund	1,779.16
Hungary	20.00
Retreat Scholarships	335.00
NLM -G.F.	150.00
NLM-David Olson	300.00

August '15 Total 2,584.16

September 2014

General Fund	2,126.00
Hungary	60.00
Retreat Scholarships	60.00
NLM -G.F	1,520.00
NLM-David Olson	100.00
NLM-Bolivia	200.00

September '15 Total 4,066.00

Totals for Fiscal year 2015 (ending Sept. 30, 2015)

Mission Gifts	July, August, Sept. 2015	Total Fiscal Year 2015
General Fund	4,059.26	9,636.76
Retreat Scholarships	405.00	495.00
EKE- Hungary	140.00	1,985.40
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