



NLM Mongolia News



I had the great pleasure of witnessing five new believers being baptized during Easter Sunday worship service at Bayariin Medee Christian Church in Ulaanbaatar. Mongolians like to use special occasions such as Easter and Christmas to baptize new believers, and what a wonderful way to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by welcoming new believers into a new life with Christ. Romans 6:3-4 says, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

This is, after all, why Norwegian Lutheran Mission works in Mongolia. To spread the great news about why Jesus Christ came to earth. “But God

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demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled, we shall be saved by His life,” proclaims Romans 5:8-10. So to see new believers coming to the Cross during Easter was very humbling.

It was even more humbling knowing that God has been able to use some of the different ministries that NLM-Mongolia works with and supports to help share the Gospel of Christ. One of the new believers who was baptized this past Sunday started first attending our English Club that we hold weekly at NLM-Mongolia. He had found out about English classes through a friend and because of his desire to learn English he started coming regularly. After several times he was invited to Church and has now accepted Christ as his personal Saviour.

The goal of the English Club as well as other groups such as the Sports Club has been to invite non-believers and to build relationships with them and invite them to church to hear the Gospel. Bayariin Medee Christian Church has several strong Christians that use these different opportunities to share the love of Christ to others. There have been several new young adults who have started coming regularly to church after first starting at either the English Club or Sports Club. And we praise God for the doors that He has opened.

Again, it was wonderful to be reminded this Easter of why we share the Gospel of Christ. And we are reminded of this when Paul writes in II Corinthians 5:14-15, “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died. And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

EKE Weekend

Family Conference in Piliscsaba

March 28–30, 2014



A weekend in Piliscsaba is always a great joy; it brings peace, fellowship of brothers and sisters, and fills us spiritually. The Lord can transform me; something begins and happens within me. It is difficult to set out with the children, and there is a lot to do on arrival, too (some arrive at dawn); yet once you are after it, you get a special opportunity to spend almost two full days listening to the Lord alone.

That's what happened in this weekend conference, too. Thanks to the delicious food made on the spot and the well-organized supervision for children, the couples could listen to lectures and take part in conversations with full energy, both in the morning and in the afternoon.

The theme of Saturday was the Christian way of raising children. On Saturday, we heard a lecture on baptism. On Saturday night, a happy "team making game" helped us experience the feeling of "leading others" and "being led". Afterwards, until dawn, couples told their stories of their getting to know one another, and their decisions for each other. The stories were good to hear; they were also testimonies. It is wonderful that our God leads us in choosing the person to marry, and can even bless marriages and relationships started as relationships of non-believers.

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The issue of raising children affects all parents in a sensitive and most personal way. As Christians, we are critical about today's trends in raising children; however, we face various situations we have to manage. We worry and fear for our children; sometimes it causes problems to set the limits for them; to be self-consistent and trustworthy to them, especially when they are teens. As for spanking, even Christians have different opinions.

The speaker couple spoke on these issues in an exhilarating style, with lots of humor. Their thoughts inspired good conversations. Two thoughts had major impact on me.

One was that however well we want to raise children, we cannot be good parents. This statement sounded sobering but also freeing, for I can hope that God makes up for my deficiencies even in child-raising; that He can repair bad situations if I let Him act. *"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it."* (Psalms 37:5) What a wonderful Lord we have that we can trust Him in this, too.



The other thought is that we should also be able to be loose and humorous with our children as we raise them. I am often reminded of this when the everyday task of child-raising weighs me. God can help with this, too. He takes away the burdens and takes care of our children. *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Phil 4:6-7) If we believe this of God, we are free.

Thanks to the Lord Jesus for this weekend, and also to every brother and sister who contributed.

Annamária Barra dr.



News From Papua New Guinea

Lately, I, Jamie, have been kept very busy with flying Bible translators and support workers around Papua New Guinea (PNG). So much so that I haven't had time to do anything thing else at aviation except fly and get ready for the next flight. But this past weekend I was going to be doing something a little different. Two of our translators, both women, were seeking to do some translation awareness in Lae, the second largest city in PNG. These two ladies have been working hard on New Testament translation and literacy in the Sos Kundi language, which is an hour and forty minute flight to the northwest of Lae. But they are aware of a fairly large community of Sos Kundi speakers in Lae as well. So they are hoping to build awareness among the Sos Kundi community in Lae, so that as the Bible becomes available, these people, though removed from their language area, will also be ready to receive it.

Since it is not a good idea, for a number of reasons, for women to be driving by themselves in PNG, they asked if I would help out by driving them and some of the people they are working with, to Lae for a quick weekend trip. It wasn't a role of preaching -- or even the flying that I normally do, but I hoped that this trip would help prepare these Sos Kundi people to receive the Word of God in their language and maybe even get some of them involved in the translation and literacy work now.

Well, everything was going fairly smoothly on Saturday morning as we drove the approximately 140 miles to Lae. We had a couple of sobering reminders of the hazards of traveling even the main roads of PNG when we came upon a semi-tractor trailer that had overturned in the road and burned completely, still partially blocking the road and smoldering. Then as we got to the bottom of the mountain pass we saw where another semi-tractor trailer had missed a turn, probably during the night, and gone down a steep hill about 80 feet.

But shortly after arriving at Lae, I received a phone call from Lisa saying that Thad had been playing at the neighbors and had fallen about 3 feet and broken a bone in his elbow and needed to be flown to Australia on one of our planes in the afternoon so that he could have surgery.

Well, that put a wrinkle in the plans for me to help out with awareness. But I wasn't sure what I could do either. But God knew! Just after

arriving in Lae, I had seen two other Wycliffe couples who were planning to leave for Ukarumpa in a couple of hours. So I had Lisa get me their cell phone number and one of the couples was able to stay and take my place and I was able to return to Ukarumpa.

Lisa, Thad, and Zeke left for Australia at about 4pm for Australia on one of our airplanes and I got back to Ukarumpa about 6pm. So I didn't get to see them before they left, but I did get to be with Thea who was staying with neighbors and very happy to see Daddy.

Thad had surgery on Sunday morning and seems to be doing very well. And Thea and I are hoping Lisa, Thad, and Zeke will be able to return to Papua New Guinea a week after they left.

The Sos Kundi awareness went well. The people were very responsive to what was shared and purchased almost all of the Sos Kundi literature and audio materials that we had taken to Lae. One person also expressed a sincere interest in wanting to start Sos Kundi literacy classes there in Lae for his people.

So I don't understand why this happened. Is it spiritual warfare? Is it just life in a fallen world? Perhaps both? But it is great to know that God is in control and He has promised that He will use it for good. I don't know how, but He will. He cannot deny Himself. I mean He took the greatest sin that was ever committed, the crucifixion, and brought about the greatest salvation that could have been accomplished for mankind. So He can bring about good with little things like broken bones too.

Jamie Halverson

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Mercy

“For thou, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee” (Ps. 86:5)

How thankful we ought to be that God is merciful. If God was without mercy, there would be no hope for anyone nor would we have the blessed hope and heaven to look forward to. Lamentations 3:22 reads, “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.” God has said in His Word, the soul that sinneth shall surely die. This is to those that live in sin and enjoy doing so and do not seek God. God shows mercy to anyone who will seek Him and this He proves by words of comfort He give in the book of Micah 7:18, “Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger forever, because he **delighteth in mercy.**”

God is seeking the lost through Jesus Christ, His Son, and He is longing to forgive sinners of their sin so He can have mercy upon them. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. It is because God’s mercy does not end but goes from generation to generation. Luke 1:50 says, “And His mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.” Our God is a God of love and mercy and it is His will and desire to bestow this upon man, if man will but come to Him through faith in Jesus Christ and so receive this love and mercy.

God’s mercy is given totally and freely without any merits on our part. God does not say do the best you can and I will have mercy on your because you have done your best. God’s Word tells us that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Now this is what real mercy and love is all about – to know that you and I are the guilty ones, we are the sinners, we are the offenders, and yet God is willing to bestow His mercy upon us. This is love in its greatest form.

Webster's dictionary defines mercy like this – kind or compassionate treatment of an offender; compassion where severity is expected or deserved.

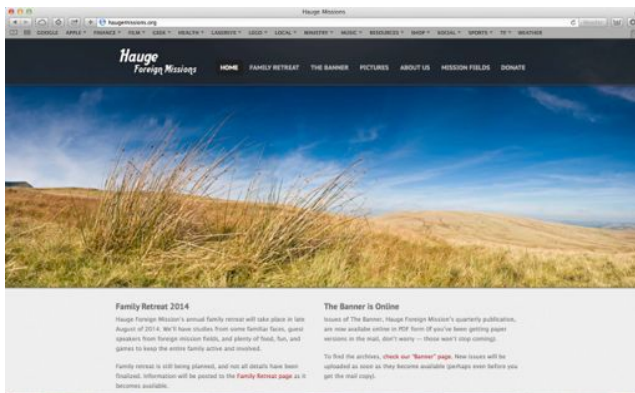
When we think of God's mercy, our hearts cannot help but cry out, Praise the Lord! Let us do as Psalm 106:1 reads, "Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever."

Are you seeking God's mercy today? Remember God can only have mercy upon us in Christ Jesus, because Jesus took our place as sinners. II Corinthians 5:21, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" Without Jesus as our Saviour, we stand before a holy and a just God, who can only then condemn us to a lost eternity where suffering will never cease. God is holy and just and we read in God's Word "But God" – God stepped in and made it possible to receive mercy and grace from Jesus, to be pardoned from sin and allowed Jesus to bestow upon us His undying love.

~ Alvin Larson originally published, 1982

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Jonathan,

We have not heard of you for a long time. We hope everything is all right in your family, in your church and also in Hauge Mission.

I would like to inform you about that the fellowship of EKE plans to open new areas of ministry, apart

from the existing ones. We would like to contact pastors, church members and people outside of the church who otherwise would not come to any of our events. That is why we organize a Revival Conference, an event for every families. In this year, the conference will be regional, primarily intended for people who live in north-west Hungary, but next year, we would like to hold a national conference, based on the experiences of this year. For three days, lectures, group talks and forums will be held to raise topical issues challenging the interest, and to look for answers based on the Scripture. We would also like to have free programs to show that real Christianity is a way of life rather than a theory. We ask for your prayers that many of those for whom we hold this conference should come and that this event could be a blessing for all of us.

Thank you for your loving attitude we have always experienced.

Love and greetings to the members of HFM. We are thinking of all of you in prayers, especially of those we know personally. Wish you a very blessed Easter celebration.

Greetings on behalf of EKE,
János

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