



2014 HFM Family Retreat Report

Over 140 Hauge Foreign Mission retreat participants gathered under the theme: ***More Love to Thee***” at the Association Retreat Center over Labor Day weekend.

We were challenged by adult teacher Pastor Jerry Nelson who lead in a study of Philippians the “Epistle of Joy.” He mentioned how in Christ we can learn to be joyful in spite of life’s ups and downs. The apostle Paul had learned to so live in Christ that he never lost his joy and never stopped singing the praises of and to God even when imprisoned.



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Dr. Lombardo the retreat's evangelist showed that in Paul's epistles there are over 40 prayers. In one of them in Philippians 1:9-11, Paul prays for the believer to be free of hypocrisy(sincere) and full of fruit. He challenged why do we say "More Love to Thee?" Isn't it because there is a person(Jesus Christ) FOR YOU who died, FOR YOU who lives and FOR YOU is preparing a place that YOU might live with Him forever. He reminded us, "We emphasize christian living NOT to emphasize christian life BUT Jesus Christ! How often do we pray for others in our congregation that ""their love may abound more and more""? The reason we talk so much about ourselves is because we like it! Paul is praying for the believer to exhibit selfless love!



Dr. Lombardo challenged us to live up to the theme of "***More Love to Thee.***" He asked: "What are your godly ambitions? What are you living for? What satisfies you like nothing else?" "Jesus is everything, everything, everything!"

We were blessed this year to have two missionaries with us at the retreat. Janos and Melinda Herkely and their son Janos jr

from Budapest
Hungary
represented
EKE
(Lutherans for
the Gospel)



and
David
Olson
with
NLM



(Norwegian Lutheran Mission) serving in Mongolia who was home on furlough.

The Herkely's thanked us for the partnership that EKE and HFM have had over the years and talked about the gratitude they have when HFM sends over summer teams to help them with their children and youth camps. HFM will be sending another team in the summer of 2016. Watch the BANNER for upcoming details. Janos also showed a video of the work that started at the point where the HFM video of 2013 had ended. It was a great symbolic reminder of the EKEs work for Christ continuing on in Hungary. EKE had held over 20 events in the last year which included children's camps, youth camps, young adult weekends, marriage weekends, couples weekends, EKE member retreats and a new venture this last year a big Evangelism conference which went outside of EKE membership to draw in other churches it was a great success and they have plans to do it bigger and better in the coming years. The evangelism conference was filled with many electives for the participants to choose from, including topics on current events and the church, marriage, morality, etc etc as well as some great fellowship.

David Olson of NLM Mongolia was a bonus blessing at the retreat this year as his furlough happened to coincide with the retreat. He shared with us on the current happening in Mongolia as well as introducing us to the culture and showing us some of the unique aspects of Mongolia. David shared that he had first visited Mongolia for spring break in college, noting it's not on the usual spring break list, but as he was there God placed a burden on Davids heart for the people and the country of Mongolia. He stated that in their work there, *“Our focus is on Jesus Christ and what HE has done for us on the cross. We are therefore to humbly carry forward that same LOVE Christ showed us on the cross through word and deed.”*

The 4 “Fs” were in great evidence once again this year at the retreat: great Food, great Friendships, great Fellowship and great strengthening of our Faith!

EDITORS NOTE: Next years retreat will be held once again over Labor Day Weekend September 4-7. Watch upcoming issues for more details. Enjoy some more pictures from the retreat late in this issue and look for many many more picture on our webpage at www.haugemissions.org



The children led by the Herkelys singing in Hungarian!

NEWS FROM NORWAY



Bayariin Medee
Church Mens
Group gathering

"Norwegian"
gathering for
bible



Reflections of My First Two Years in Mongolia

- David Olson NLM Missionary To Mongolia

My first two years in Mongolia came and went quickly and I now find myself back home in North Dakota before I start another period working for the Norwegian Lutheran Mission in Mongolia. It has been an amazing learning experience and I would not have made it without relying on the strength of Christ. I am constantly reminded of my commissioning verse in Philippians chapter 4 verse 13 which says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” I realize daily that I

am a sinner and that I can only find hope and strength through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As I look back on my first two years in Mongolia I am thankful for the wonderful Christian fellowship that I have both with my Norwegian co-workers as well as my Mongolian church friends. Although there has been quite a bit of turnover of missionaries during my short time in Mongolia the Lord continues to place strong Christians in Mongolia from the Norwegian Lutheran Mission. Whether it has been weekly bible studies, retreats, or free-time gatherings we have enjoyed each other's company and have been strengthened in our walk with Christ through each other.

And then it has been a blessing to get to know so many Mongolian believers. As a missionary one might think that we are there to teach others about Christ. And while that is true and our main goal is to bring the Gospel of Christ to those who have not heard, it has been refreshing for me to get to know some of the Christians in Mongolia who are working tirelessly to spread the Gospel. I believe it is so important in a mission field to use believers who know the language and culture and the Norwegian Lutheran Mission is fortunate to have a core group of strong Christians who have so much energy when it comes to Church work and spreading the Gospel. These Mongolian Christians focus daily on Christ and always yearn to know more about Him.

Another reflection about my first two years is just the beauty of the country of Mongolia and the uniqueness of the culture. I have thoroughly enjoyed many trips to the Mongolian countryside where one can see the beauty of our great Creator in so many ways. From endless prairies to snow-capped

mountains and from pristine forests to desert sand dunes the Mongolian countryside never ceases to amaze. I am thankful that the Lord has given me the opportunity to explore Mongolia.

I am now living in North Dakota for the next several months but will be traveling back and forth to Mongolia a few different times for short periods during the winter to help work at our NLM office in Khovd, which is in western Mongolia. And then in June my plan is to return to Mongolia for another period of up to four years. I will be helping establish a new office in a remote western province in Mongolia. I would ask for continued prayer for the Lord to open up this new opportunity.

I would also like to thank everyone within Hauge Foreign Mission who has supported me in prayer and otherwise. The Lord has given me such a wonderful support network in the US and I thank Him for that.



David Olson had some of the HFM Family Retreaters try on some traditional Mongolian Clothing.



Scott Barnhart,
Cassie Dickow &
Bob Swanson sang
for the retreaters
each morning



Which is Janos which is Brady???



The Children practice new songs to share on Monday



ALL RETREAT PICTURE





Eager to answer the question in class!

Below: Eager to swim!



LEFT: Taking a break after getting a base hit!



RIGHT:
It's craft time!



Heading to class



Setting the batting order



Youth sharing at the youth service



ABOVE: Always great fellowship on the coffee breaks.



LEFT: First time playing softball... NO PROBLEM, Base hit!

News from The Halversons

Greetings from Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea (PNG), where temperatures are starting to rise and thunderstorms are forming once again.

Over the years, Bible translators here in PNG have noticed a trend. As a New Testament translation project moves into the final stages and nears completion, spiritual attacks generally increase. Many times a key person gets sick or a family member back home dies.

Since returning to PNG nine months ago, we have noticed that our neighbors, Roland and Irene Fumey, are experiencing what appears to be spiritual attacks and we would like to ask you to pray for them. Roland and Irene are currently in a village working with the Kuni people for the last time before they begin typesetting* the Kuni New Testament. Just before they flew out to the village on September 2, they were both very sick. They told Jamie that if they had needed to fly to the village the day before, they would not have been able to make the flight due to this sickness. In March of this year, prior to their previous village trip, Irene was sick for a couple of weeks before their flight. In addition to these sicknesses, there have been three break-ins at their property here in Ukarumpa in the past nine months. The Fumey's were also in the airplane Jamie was flying on September 2nd, when he nearly had an accident due to a small child running just in front of the airplane on landing. (If you want to learn more about that landing, you can read about it in our September newsletter. Email us and ask for a copy if you don't have it.)

All of these events together have caused us to realize that this is a focused spiritual attack and something for which focused prayer would be very appropriate. Ephesians 6:12 reminds us, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (ESV) So would you wrestle with us against Satan and his forces by praying for Roland and Irene Fumey, their family back home, the Kuni co-translators, and the Kuni community as they complete the translation of the Kuni New Testament?

Thank you,

Jamie and Lisa Halverson

*Typesetting is the last step of the translation process in which the entire New Testament is formatted for printing and consistency checks are done to ensure that key words are translated consistently throughout the entire translation.

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

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Receipts

July 2014

G. Fund	210.50
Hungary	60.00
NLM G.F.	100.00
NLM - D. Olson	725.00
NLM - Japan	50.00
NLM - Ethiopia	50.00
Retreat Scholarship	10.00

August 2014

G.Fund*	95.00
Hungary	60.00
NLM	5.00
NLM - D. Olson	200.00
NLM - Ethiopia	50.00
Retreat Scholarship	10.00

September 2014

General Fund	4,323.32
Hungary	1075.00
NLM	500.00
NLM-D. Olson	1,227.00
Retreat Scholarship	610.00

July '14 Total	1,205.50	August Total	420.00	June Total	7,735.32
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Totals for Fiscal year 2014 (beginning Oct. 1, 2013)

Mission Gifts	July-August-September	Total Fiscal Year 2014
General Fund	4,628.82	10,857.99
Retreat Scholarships	630.00	720.00
EKE- Hungary	1,195.00	2,235.00
NLM	2,907.00	14,262.00
	9,360.82	28,074.99

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