

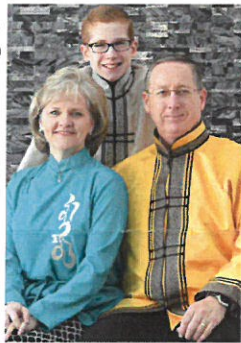


David & Jenny Harris

Serving Missionaries in Asia & the North Pacific

Encouraging Missionaries • Recruiting & Training Future Laborers • Promoting Asian Church Planting Needs

We just returned from a wonderful, three week trip to Mongolia at the invitation of eight-year veteran BIMl Missionaries Jason and Mary Ritchie. Joining them a year and a half ago were Chuck and Tammy Weber followed by Bradley and Ashley Kubik last fall.



God is blessing and the Ritchies' church continues to grow. Their church moved into a much needed larger facility. The downside is that the rent is much higher. Brother Ritchie is very involved with preaching, teaching, and translation work



including a continuing Bible translation project.

Along with many blessings, difficulties abound in Mongolia.

The city of Ulaanbaatar now has the designation as the most polluted city in the world due to coal pollution used in heating. This, as well as sub-zero temperatures, make living in the UB, as the city is called by the local people, quite difficult. Many suffer with respiratory problems. Another difficulty is that the Buddhist run government is trying to rid itself of foreign influences.

Prayer is needed for the Ritchies who face visa renewal in May in a somewhat hostile situation. The government is sending many foreigners out of Mongolia unless they provide sufficient reason and benefit to the Mongolian people. Foreign church work is not included on their approval list so ministry work must be done with a great deal of care so as not to offend the officials who could revoke visas. Others have joined the work in Mongolia. Chuck and Tammy

Weber and Bradley and Ashley Kubik received visas by teaching English in a private school. Without this, visas might not be possible. They are required to teach 20-25 hours per week placing a strain on their time for language study, ministry, and family.

The Ritchies and the Webers are sharing the financial load of the new facility. Because of this, each of them need to increase their support base with an additional 10-15 new supporters. Prayerfully, in the future the church will grow to cover those expenses, but for now, the missionaries carry much of this load and may for some time. If you could help the Ritchies or the Webers in

your missions giving, please let us know so that we could pass along their information. The Ritchies are taking a short furlough in February and are preparing a presentation about their ministry.



In February, we will be visiting our daughter and son-in-law, Sam and Juliana Hutchens, in New Zealand. They will launch the official start of their church on February 17 with Pastor Paul Chappell preaching. We will get to spend some time helping them in their ministry and get to see our granddaughters!

To top off this time of major travel for us is the thought of God's provision! The total ticket cost for both trips to Mongolia and New Zealand for Jenny, Josiah, and I, is less than \$250! The trip to Mongolia was provided with donated travel points from Brother Ritchie's parents! We are so thankful for their generosity! Our NZ trip is covered using our own travel miles. Amazingly, God has provided! It is because of your prayers that we get to serve the Lord and help missionaries! Thank each of you who support us. Much of what we do for missionaries is because of you!

Thank you for your help and prayers!

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