



Gems And Precious Stones

We are in the jewelry business. We take rough stones, girls dulled by a tough life on the streets, and by being



started talking, we realized that this would be a good business for our girls. He went back to his country and began working toward helping us to get started. Due to a large starting gift from another supporter, he was able to purchase some very nice semi-precious stones and all of the materials to make high quality jewelry. He recently came back to Mongolia and taught the girls to make beautiful jewelry. We also have found a distributor who has agreed to help us market the product locally and internationally.

available to God, we help him polish these girls into beautiful gems.



We are also in the jewelry business - literally! At the beginning of the spring, a businessman from a closed country heard about our work with street girls. He was interested in helping us to find a profitable business that would help the girls make a living and learn good work ethics. He paid us a visit.

We are using yak bone beads in every piece to make it unique.

We have been praying for a business that would potentially be easy for most of the girls to do and provide enough money to keep them off the streets. This has been an amazing answer to our prayers in a very short time.

Originally, he thought he would start a small coffee house, similar to his own business. After coming to Mongolia, he realized that it would not be a good place for such a business. His background is in fine arts and crafts and the girls were intrigued by the jewelry that he was wearing. As we



This Is A Mongolian Yak



The Family in the Countryside

God has provided yet another way to nurture our Desert Rose girls in their physical and spiritual health. When I don't know how we'll ever provide for the next step, He does.



Borkhuu and his family host our first "Transition" home.

Over the past seven years I have built a friendship with a herder family who live an hour drive out of the city. They have a large property with horses and cows.

This summer three girls and a staff member will live in gers on their property. We all think that it will be good for the girls to experience hard work and get away from the city and it's temptations in order to get some foundations and to strengthen them spiritually and physically.

The area that we will be staying in is a high traffic tourist area, so we are hoping also to have opportunity to make and sell some of our jewelry over the summer months. They will also teach the girls to plant vegetables and to make milk products.

We expect this will be a 24 carrot success!

Nearly fifty girls have entered the Desert Rose Shelter.

Some have gone back to their old way of life but visit us occasionally. Still others come regularly but have not been willing to make significant changes in their lives. Their journey is long and winding. And there are some of the girls who have been changing and growing and are ready to take another step toward total healing and independence. I want to tell you about three of those girls today.

Jargal came to us on the first night we opened. I found Jargal early one morning picking through a trash can looking for bottles and cans to sell for food. She had slept the night before in a stairwell as she had done for nearly a year prior to our meeting. In the past two years Jargal has had an encounter with her Heavenly Father and made major changes in her life. She has attended bible school and deepened her relationship with the Father. Unfortunately when she came back to the city, she found herself back in a relationship with a former boy friend. In search of real love and family, she made some bad choices and now is pregnant. We have taken her back under our shelter and she is doing her best to change her life and make a better life for her unborn child. Like the mother of any child who has made a poor choice, my heart breaks for Jargal, but the story is not over and God isn't done.

Munkhtuul was also one of our first girls. Before finding Desert Rose, Munkhtuul lived a life of abuse and found herself in and out of police custody. She would be sent home, be abused, run away, get picked up by the police and then be sent home again only to repeat the cycle. Our social worker heard about her from the police and agreed to take her under our care. She lived with us for a while and even tried to go to school, but her life had not prepared her for education. She had little capacity to learn in a traditional classroom. We have taught her to make tortillas. One day while making a tortilla delivery, she stole \$18. She was so shy and embarrassed that she would not come back. We prayed for her for several months, we wanted to restore her and let her know that she was forgiven. Finally, one day we were able to get her from the police and restore her. She is doing so well now and is learning to make jewelry and sew.

Enkhtuya -I originally met "Tuya" on the streets in 2001. She lived with me for some time, but her mother and step-father took her back to the streets to "earn money" for them. She has had one of the most abusive and tragic lives that I have



This is Tuya today. The photo on the right is Tuya and her brother when I found them on the street eight years ago.

heard of in my time here. She appeared at my door last year much older and with a bone disorder that causes her to have a hunched back. She had nowhere to go and I was so grateful to be able to give her shelter once again at Desert Rose. Today, she is getting medical care, and learning to sew and make jewelry. She also is one of the best tortilla makers. She dreams of living on her own one day and taking care of her mother.

Today these three girls are living in the countryside with a herder family. They are learning to plant vegetables, make milk products and to live independently. It is my dream to have a place for them to live together in community after



Our first "Transition House" in the countryside.

the summer months. Because these girls are making steps to a better future, we can open the shelter up to new girls. After they moved out, the Lord brought 3 new girls to the shelter. I pray that we will continue in the future to help girls change their lives and then transition them into society and be able to take in new girls at Desert Rose.

Please pray as we look to purchase some land to house the girls at the end of the summer. Please pray about financially supporting the transitional housing project for these very special girls. I am so blessed to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of these girls, and to have all of you supporting us with your prayers and finances.

Thank you for giving generously to support Desert Rose and also to my personal needs. Without you, this work cannot continue. Mary



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