

# Tvrđik Family In Mongolia

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## Christmas News Letter 2009

**The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2 For unto US a child is born!**



**“We KNOW that our gods are nothing. They are wood, and pieces of gold that people have made. We have been lied to and treated like we are idiots. We are so tired of the rituals, so tired of religion. We all know there is something more, but we don’t know how to make it for us. BUT we can SEE God in your life...we can only hope that what you say is for US also...that we can be free like you are.”**



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I’m thankful for the long card table dad threw in the container for us before we moved here. It’s become the “meeting place” in our house.

On Sunday afternoons our new Mongolian friends come and listen to what God has done in our lives. We sit around that table and drink tea and coffee and we share how Jesus, has made something beautiful out of our lives. The message in all its simplicity is so powerful that most Sundays the conversation goes way past its one hour plan and leads into the late evening. As Troy answers questions he prays his heart out! “Please Lord, help me with this” We are well aware that NOTHING we say can bring anyone to KNOW Jesus. We know that the spirit of God is what is drawing these people to our home and that only the spirit of God can call them to himself.

“We can’t stay away from your home on Sundays, we are drawn here because we feel something good here, its something we have always wanted.”

The time will come, when these hungry hearts are satisfied, when they finally see Him for themselves. Not through our eyes as if they are reading a very good story, but through their own eyes. Please pray for this. And this is the good news of the gospel

**For unto us a child is born, to US a son is given  
Isaiah 9:6**

## Alcohol Recovery Program Begins At Community Center

Three men in our community have volunteered to take part in a year long project to help bring freedom from

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alcoholism. Please pray for them as they have begun a very difficult climb. We had the funding to support these three men and we are praying for more funding to come!

The dream is to target 20 men in our community who are willing to take the steps to break the chains of alcoholism.  
**KEEP IN MIND**

In Ulaan Bataar 99% of all families are tragically affected by alcoholism  
MOST of Mongolia’s struggle can point back to this issue.

In a conversation with a young Mongolian man I had a few weeks ago he said, “Something has to be done to save my country...if the alcohol problem isn’t fixed...my nation will disappear.” He is not exaggerating. Please pray with us as this project unfolds. Pray for Gods healing power to lift these families out of their struggle.

## 40 Degrees Below Zero

The -40 degree temps here are nothing short of deadly. The cold is so bitter. I see poverty at its breaking point here in the winter. **One of the worst sights is a ger with no smoke coming out of the top.** I know there are people in there that are literally freezing. At times it feels like we just can't do enough. There are so many cold, hungry and desperate families.

One night as we were discussing the families that will have no homes this winter, Troy said, "I wish I was able to buy a large piece of property, set gers up on it and have it as an "emergency housing project"

I'm getting used to Troy's big WISH lists! He dreams a lot. Usually my first thought is, "where are we going to get the money for that?" Troy's first thought is, "if it's Gods plan, He'll pay for it."

Shortly after that conversation we received an email from the States. The idea a friend had was to give the organization enough money to buy a piece of property and to put housing on it so that no one is ever left in the cold. When Troy read it to me I just smiled. I'm learning.

Now we are looking for just the right land for the project, and several donations have been made to us to purchase the gers for the land. You guys are amazing! Thank you!

## Twenty-five More Reasons To Be Thankful

We received 25 boxes from HOME! The donations of blankets, clothing and other supplies were much needed and will be handed out throughout the winter as the needs arise. Thank you!

We received enough vitamins for children to last us a few months here. Every day, children from the community come to get their morning vitamin! Thank you friends back home!

## Specific Financial and Prayer Needs

- ★Cost of coal and wood for one family \$75.00 a month
- ★Cost of food for one family \$25.00 a month
- ★Cost of sponsoring a man from the community for the alcohol recovery program \$200.00
- ★Building Community Center #2

If you wish to give to any of these needs please ear mark your check for the specific.

Thank you for your monthly support to our family. We are here because of so many faithful friends. God Bless you!

## First Christmas In Mongolia

"Ah huh!" I said to Tuvsho as we made our way to the center of the city. There in front of the Department store was a GIANT Christmas Tree! "SEE! Mongolia does celebrate Christmas!" Tuvsho just laughed and said, "NO....it's the new year tree!" I pointed to the big poster of Santa on the billboard ahead..."AND how do you explain him?" I said with a grin..."That's Santa, the new year elf..."

Celebrating here is not the same. We will miss our home, family and the traditions that have come to fill our lives. Looking back we thank God for every moment we had with friends and family. Merry Christmas!



## Other News!

Troy continues to teach English twice a week at the State Run Orphanage. The kids are really getting used to him coming and they are all having a lot of fun.

Troy was elected Director of Flourishing Future. He has a big job ahead of him! Please keep him in your prayers as he sets out to do what God has called him to.

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