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UNION CHURCH MISSIONS



Highlights from the Mongolia Mission Trip

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Praise the Lord!! From June 28 to July 5, our team of 11 stepped out in faith to serve in Mongolia.

Providing Opportunities to the Young Generation

We began our journey with [HoME](#), an organization that serves young men who have fallen out of the social system and in need of support. Our team had a great time bonding with the HoME mentees and their friends over a high-energy game of volleyball and a shared meal. That evening, AJ, our Youth Director, shared a message of encouragement, speaking directly into the difficult and complex life situations these young men are currently navigating.

Next, we joined [Desert Rose](#) for a two-day camp at a beautiful campsite, enjoying the unique experience of sleeping in traditional gers for two nights. The Union Church youth designed and ran a thrilling "Amazing Race" theme for the children, while Stephen, our Deacon, led a special staff workshop titled "To Nurture Healing & Growth at Desert Rose."

Later in the week, we visited their city shelter, where the girls graciously prepared breakfast and lunch for our team. One of our youth brought 200 English books from Hong Kong, sparking a precious one-on-one reading and bonding session with the girls. Before departing, we received the ultimate joy: learning that **two youth were just accepted into university!** One of them is pursuing the medical field and the other social work. Witnessing the tangible fruit of this ministry's years of hard work was deeply moving.

Walking Alongside Those Suffering

We also spent a full day with [Flourishing Future](#), a ministry dedicated to ultra-poor families in Ulaanbaatar. Our team participated in a poverty workshop, in which we experienced the reality of having to collect water from a water station, trying to balance impossible family budgets alongside difficult healthcare and education systems. It was an eye opening experience and helped us understand more about the needs of the mission field.

Centered in Christ and Fellowship

We are especially grateful for God's provision - a dining room with a round table that fits all 11 of us at the hotel we stayed in. Gathering there for morning devotions and evening debriefs anchored our trip, providing the spiritual nourishment we needed, and reminding us we served out of His strength rather than our own.

The immediate bonding among our young team members was a true blessing, uniting us as a spiritual family. Seeing these young people want to continue participating in God's mission with such commitment, joy, and anticipation brings me enormous joy.

There are so many incredible memories that simply cannot fit into a single article. **Please join our post-trip sharing event (date to be confirmed) to hear the full stories!!**

William Wu Reflecting on the Mongolia mission trip, the Lord has allowed us to make connections with ministry partners such as HoME, Flourishing Future, and Desert Rose in person. I believe visiting them and participating in activities with them acts as an encouragement and acknowledgement for their work. As stated: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." By showing up and being present with focus, our presence can create more impact than we can expect. I particularly find the last debrief we had with all the NGOs useful, as it gives the NGO workers a chance to share their moral struggles. Linking back to the quote, our purpose here as Christians is to support one another through severe hardships, trials, and moral conflicts through active listening and our presence.



Breakfast at Desert Rose

John Skilton Going to Mongolia was an amazing opportunity. I didn't waste a single second there, spreading the gospel, taking care of the kids at camp, and learning about the people that live there. It was honestly one of the best experiences in my life. Getting to know people from HoME and Desert Rose makes me really want to help people that are struggling not only in Mongolia but also here. I'm eternally grateful for the team that went with me they encourage me and help me grow while I did the same for them. I hope more people could go through this experience with God in the future mission trips.

Anri van der Walt Going to Mongolia to start of my summer holiday really solidified and expanded my view of Gods power and ability to work in the lives of so many people's life's and also my own. The week we spent together as a team has made me realise how privileged I am to experience God's love and to be able to share that then with all the girls at DR, FF and at HoME. I also gained a greater respect for missionaries that work so tirelessly to spread the gospel in a country that does not always make it easy to stay positive or calm. For future trips I would really recommend making an effort to connect with everyone you meet on the trip. Something God reminded me constantly of is that we are there to add something to their lives, not to fix anything.



Two university-bound students from DR



Our spiritual round table at the Sanfu Hotel

Samantha Lee This mission trip really opened my eyes to the amazing work God is doing in Mongolia. Being able to connect with different people who have dedicated their life to helping those in poverty or difficult positions was incredibly inspiring. I particularly enjoyed connecting with the girls from Desert Rose, seeing the familial love the girls and teachers have for one another, and seeing how our presence and activities brought a smile to their faces.

A Day with HoME



Stephen Shum Praise the Lord for His providence, protection, and guidance over our entire Mongolia mission trip 2026! We are grateful for the resources, the right team, good health, and the Holy Spirit's leading through every program and connection. We saw His love manifest in the uplifted DR girls and the genuine hearts of HOME, FF, and DR leaders. We deeply thank our youth team for their inspiring enthusiasm and passion despite challenges. Our leadership and whole team displayed great teamwork through every adjustment. This was a truly successful and meaningful trip. From God to us it was Ps 23, and our response was 2 Tim 1:7, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control." All glory be to God!



Poverty workshop at Flourishing Future

Nicholas Chan The Mongolia trip was a truly eye opening experience. Being able to interact with and connect with the local people and charities was very rewarding, allowing us to understand the country and their struggles. I learnt that the majority of citizens in the capital Ulaanbaatar live in the Ger district with no running water, which is not something one would realize as a regular tourist seeing the capital city. Experiencing the Ger district and dry toilets (hole in the ground) was uncomfortable, but allowed me to properly understand the way of life for the majority of Mongolians and appreciate what we have. I really enjoyed forming relationships with the local people. The Desert Rose girls were very warm and forthcoming; they were eager to interact with us and get to know us, which is not what I expected. It truly reflects God's love that has been shown to them and to us. The trip also taught me about our role in the mission spreading the gospel - by how we show our love to others. Overall it was a truly rewarding and memorable experience.



Ethan Chen Joining the Mongolia trip on a spur-of-the-moment invitation was truly an experience worth taking, as it taught me to appreciate things that I often take for granted. Throughout the week, I was only able to introduce myself briefly since it was my first time participating in a mission trip. However, the awkwardness between everyone and I didn't last long, as the warm and hospitable atmosphere quickly made me feel comfortable and included. Although I was previously secular, the number of moments that felt almost miraculous throughout the trip led me to reconsider my perspective on faith. It also gave me a realization that by being open to it, I could perceive the world in a more meaningful and beautiful way. To sum it all up, I am grateful to William and my mum for dragging me into this trip, and to the team for making this trip extra enjoyable. I believe that this experience will remain a meaningful turning point in my life, shaping the way I view both the world and myself moving forward.