



The College Community - August 2010

Jesus in the gospel of Matthew tells a parable about the kingdom of God. "It is like a mustard seed,... It grew..." The College is an integral part in the growth of God's kingdom in Mongolia. This newsletter looks at the different ways this kingdom growth is visible in the life of the College.

Growing Number of Graduates

June 9 2010 marked the 14th Graduation Ceremony for the College. The whole College community and families and friends of the students gathered to rejoice with those who were graduating. The time was also a celebration of God's goodness to the College through singing, prayer and reading and listening to His word.



Growing Number of Students

In August 2010 the new academic year commenced. This year marks an important milestone in the College's academic growth. The Master of Divinity's final two year stage commenced. In the previous two years the M. Div. foundational stage has been taught. Four

students from the foundational course plus one from the B. Th form the new M. Div. final stage. 2012 should see the graduation of the first M. Div. students from UBTC.



Masters Students with teacher David Burge

Growing Facilities

2009 saw major changes in the college with the opening of the dormitory and the refurbishment of the library and kitchen, and the remodeling of the old kitchen area into classrooms. 2010 has seen ongoing work in fitting out the dormitory to provide much needed furniture for the students to be able to live and study. The library has also had a security upgrade to ensure better control of these valuable books and journals. Throughout the college, rooms and facilities have been improved to assist in the overall teaching and learning process

Spiritual Growth

The College is actively encouraging the staff and students to grow in their spiritual lives. Emphasis is being placed on not just learning about Jesus but living more like Jesus and demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit. One of the ways this growth is being encouraged is through the small group ministry. Each student in the College is assigned to a group (usually about 8 students per group). A fourth year student leads the group. Through studying the Bible together, praying together and fellowshiping together, students are encouraged to grow in their faith. These groups meet every Tuesday.



Small Group Time

Student life is not all study and work. The students organised a picnic just before the end of last semester. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend a day together at a nearby national park. There was time to talk, eat, sing, be encouraged from God's word, walk amongst the hills and enjoy some energetic games.



Time to Play

Future Growth

The College continues to grow and provide theological education for the Mongolian Christian community. The immediate need is to acquire additional land to enable further development of the site. There is an adjacent block of land that would be ideal for further expansion. The cost of land in Ulaanbaatar has risen sharply over the last five years so purchasing this land will require significant financial support. This

is a real prayer point for the College, that God will provide the finances to purchase this block of land. God has faithfully provided the day to day running costs of the College, improvement of the College facilities, scholarships for many of the students and support for ongoing education of the teaching staff. The College is trusting in the Lord to continue to provide these needs in the future.

College Staff Growth

God continues to faithfully sustain the staff at the College as they seek to serve him. He continues to raise up new staff as the needs arise. Please pray that the staff will be faithful servants and witnesses to the Lord Jesus.



Teaching Staff

Your Part in This Growth

Thank you for taking the time to read of God's work of growth in our College. Thanks to all who support this ministry in prayer, practical and financial support. We hope the Lord will encourage you to continue this support.

May the Lord grow you more like his son
(2 Cor. 3:18)

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