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A Matter of Hope...

Amaraa at one of our youth activities.



Tulgaa sharing his testimony at church.

September brought back to back funerals for two of the young people who attend our church. The first was Amaraa, whose father was tragically beaten to death in his car by a drunk. The father had been to our church and supposedly made a profession of faith, but in the grief and fear that comes from a situation like this one, the family looked to the buddhist monk for answers. He offered no hope, no compassion, only a hefty bill for his services and an endless list of things they must and must not do: some can't turn left for a month, others must wear certain trinkets around their necks, and none of them receive certainty about their father's eternity. No one from the church was allowed to speak at the funeral, mention of Jesus would bring bad luck, but our church family joined together and served that family in the love of Christ. They gave willing out of full hearts asking for nothing in return, and I believe the difference was evident. Amaraa is not a believer, but he has continued to come faithfully to services since that day. Please pray that he would see the emptiness of false religion and make a decision for Christ.

The second funeral was for Tulgaa's mother. She urged him to start going to church about a year and a half ago. He's in his early 20s and his life was defined by alcohol and poor choices. His mother was a believer and knew where he could find the help he needed. Tulgaa was saved while we were on furlough and Chris had the privilege of baptizing him this past spring. No one else in their family is a believer, so many buddhist superstitions found their way into the situation. Yet Tulgaa spoke of the hope he had in knowing his mother was with God now and he would meet her again someday, and in the end, her passing seems to have strengthened his walk with Christ. These situations were our reminders of why we are serving here: to bring a message of hope to the people of Mongolia, hope for this life, and for eternity! Please join us in praying for that message to reach and change as many lives as possible as we serve in an extremely harsh and difficult field.

Salvation:

- Begii (Naraa's son)
- Sosoroo
- Amaraa

One Way Baptist Church:

- God's blessings as we train leaders and disciple believers.
- Spiritual growth and understanding of the people.

Big Fish Apparel:

- Expansion of customer base and continued opportunities to reach out to people in the business sector of Ulaanbaatar.

Prayer Points