

Our January mission team meeting began with the adoption of a new mission statement with the intent of defining the direction of our teams' roles and responsibilities for 2009:

**“To equip, exhort and encourage our members to be engaged physically, financially, and spiritually in the task of reaching the Ends of the Earth with the Gospel of Christ”.**

Our team goal for the New Year is to better define the balance between the spiritual aspects of missions with the financial. As well as increased personal support within our team to assist when our members participate in missionary journeys and improve communications outside of the church itself.

Our missionary to Mongolia, brother Mitch Tillman was in country and shared with us all of the work that was being developed and the progress that was accomplished since his last visit. 1300 Mongolians have come to know Christ during his six years of ministry in the region. Ministries that have been started since his arrival in Mongolia include:

**In the capital city of UlaanBaatar**

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| 1 – Orphanage                                       | Men & Women’s Prison Ministries |
| 10–Children’s churches                              | Bible Study Groups              |
| 2 - Adult churches (200 and 100 in attendance)      | Discipleship Classes            |
| 1 - Changed Life Ministries (Rescue Mission)        | English Classes                 |
| 1 - Translation Center with 2 full time translators |                                 |

**In the Gobe Desert**

- 2 - Fully Operational Hospitals
- 3 – Feeding Centers (100 children twice daily)
- 2 – Churches or assemblies
- 1 – Women’s Churches or groups (30-40)

If you’re interested in the Mongolian mission work please see [www.video.yahoo.com](http://www.video.yahoo.com) , in the search blank enter, “mitchillman316” and select the, “playlists” tab. There are currently 51 short videos which reveal a small sliver of the wonderful work that is being accomplished in this region.

Our missionary to Africa, brother Randal Styerwalt was able to purchase multiple plots of land with our assistance enabling twelve national pastors and their families to relocate to a safe area in Kenya avoiding the tribal and political persecutions that have been occurring in the region during 2008.

Please continue to lift up our missionary brother Roscoe Brewer in prayer as he recovers from surgery for the removal of a lesion on his liver. He is a valuable asset to God’s work in the Middle East and India.

The Africa duo of Shannon & Brandon are continuing although in different locations.

**Current mission trips for 2009:**

- **China**                      **May 30 – June 10**
- **India**                        **August 25 – September 4**
- **Iraq**                         **April 11-22**
- **Kafulafuta Zambia**      **July 3 - 18**
- **Livingstone, Zambia**    **June 13 - 28**
- **Kenya**                      **TBD**
- **Mongolia**                 **June 27 – July 8**

We need to provide input as to the interest or non-interest in these sites to Kenneth Ward

The Missions Center in the Gatharia is now open, please stop by and visit to learn about all of the wonderful opportunities that are available!! We are a blessed church!!

Our next team meeting is Wednesday, 4 February 2009 at 5:30PM in the Adult Bible Study room 211 directly above the church offices.