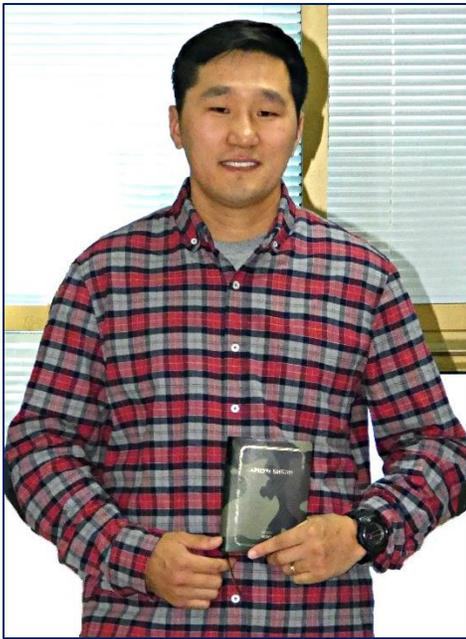


# Mongolia Trip Report

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What an awesome adventure! I joined a group of mostly retired military officers [from ACCTS] to teach conversational English in Mongolia. I specifically worked with two groups of Mongolian military officers from the General Staff of the Armed Forces from April 22 to May 3.

We were sponsored by the Mongolian Military Christian Fellowship, who set up the English training program with the General Staff of the Armed Forces and with the Mongolian National Defense University (NDU), our hotel accommodations and most of our transportation.



The goal of our trip was to enhance the relationship between the Mongolian military and the Mongolian Military Christian Fellowship. Members of the Mongolian Military Christian Fellowship were involved in all we did with the Mongolian Military.

We were not allowed to talk about following Christ in the classroom, but I had many opportunities to share with my students outside the classroom.

The Mongolian Military Christian Fellowship is very closely aligned with the Mongolian Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) team...

Here are some of the ministries of the Mongolian Military Christian Fellowship: The cadet ministry at the NDU is vibrant and growing! During our time in Mongolia, there were over a dozen cadets who received Christ as their Savior! The cadet ministry meets weekly as a group and has a very strong discipleship ministry meeting with new converts meeting one on one with older

Christians. The goal is for every cadet to be introduced to Christ, and for every cadet who is following Christ to be teamed up with another Christ follower in a discipleship relationship. What an encouragement to see this group and their enthusiasm for Christ!

The non-commissioned officer (NCO) group is small with a tremendous vision for the country! The core group of three senior NCOs recently went on a one-week mission trip, where they presented Christ to other NCOs... They want to see NCO Christ-followers meeting at every Mongolian military post!

The senior officers meet weekly. They go on mission trips to all the Mongolian military outposts around the country, presenting talks on ethics and talking about who Jesus Christ is. They already have a list of Christ followers at a number of the posts and are actively encouraging them to start weekly meetings at their locations... I had the opportunity to speak to the group, and it was so encouraging to see them taking notes and following everything I was saying about spending time reading the Bible and praying each day.



**Other activities and meetings.** It seems that everywhere we went, we kept running into Christ followers who were actively impacting their world! We briefly participated in an all-night prayer for the world meeting, and a meeting with most of the Christ based non-governmental organizations (NGOs) where they were coordinating their efforts with each other. What an encouragement to see all these different Christ based groups working with each other!

We had a dinner meeting with the Mongolian NDU English teachers (about a dozen came), who wanted to practice their English with native English speakers. During that dinner, there was much talk about Jesus and his love for us. I don't think there was one moment where nobody was speaking English!

We attended a local church on Sunday mornings. The service generally starts at 1100 and ends somewhere between 1:30 and 3. One week they had 40 graduates from their Alpha Course in the service. That church runs the Alpha Course 3 times a year, with 40-50 new participants each time! There is a great interest in Christ in Mongolia!

