

Capstone Ministries Update — May 2016

Capstone Bible Institute (CBI) in Mongolia

If there is a present day equivalent to Paul it may be Joshua Munkh. He is the pastor of New Life Church in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia since 1994. He is also founder and leader of Nomadic Bible Academy (NBA) and president of The Mongolian Pastors Association.

The Gospel came to this remote country as recently as 1990. The missionaries were “pushed out” in the recent past and the Great Commission was left in the capable hands of people like Joshua. There are three million people in the country: one million live in the capital with the rest spread out in over three hundred villages covering an area twice the size of Texas. Many live a centuries old nomadic lifestyle. An additional five million Mongolians live in China and Russia.

Over 600 churches have been planted in Mongolia with the Christian population now at five percent. Most of the pastors, particularly those in the remote areas, have no formal Bible training. To meet this need, Joshua founded NBA and is using the CBI study as the teaching material. Study books have been translated and printed in Mongolian, and a video will be made by Joshua covering each lesson. As remote as many villages are, there is usually a computer available.

Joshua is married with four children. He received his Master of Divinity degree in the US but has a passion and calling to bring the Gospel to his country. He is a gifted linguist and leader. It is a privilege for Capstone to offer some support for this ongoing work. We request your prayers for this ongoing endeavor.

Capstone Ministries in Liberia:

Ciapha Town, Liberia is one of the most destitute villages on the planet. Liberia (“land of the free”) is of the world's poorest nations following one of Africa's bloodiest civil wars leaving 200,000 dead and 1,000,000 displaced in refugee camps from 1989 to 1996. Ciapha Town lies three hours north of the capital of Monrovia on barely passable roads. There is no electricity or running water. Schools were shut down during the civil unrest and never reopened in this area. Children are growing up illiterate. The villagers die of treatable diseases. There is no medical care.

On December 5, 2015, Hawa Ware was both nervous and excited to share her vision for Ciapha Town with the Capstone Ministries board. Her father had purchased 400 acres on a mountain at 4000 feet elevation prior to the civil wars and miraculously was able to maintain ownership. He has since passed away but his daughter and her husband Armaa, refugees from Liberia to Knoxville as early teens and now married with two children and graduate degrees from University of Tennessee, want to return home to Ciapha Town. They envision a community center that would be a church, a school and a medical center and a place of meeting for the surrounding rural area of 10,000 people.

They requested that Capstone Ministries be a conduit for funds they hope to raise to complete the project. We pray Capstone could also provide many of the services, such as Biblical training and medical care that we do in India. Five thousand dollars would provide for the building materials. The villagers would do the brick making and construction under a supervisor's guidance, while at the same time learning a trade.

Please pray that God will provide for the great needs of these destitute fellow Christians.