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*Psalm 127: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain"*

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## NEWSLETTER

Dear readers,

After a long period of recovery I am finally in Mongolia again! The children and workers welcomed me with banners on which was written: "we love you Cory". It is so good to be back and to see that everything is okay. We have wonderful workers who have shown that they can work independently!



Spring in Mongolia, means that one day we have lovely weather and the next day it is snowing and very cold. But summer is approaching and we can tell by the first green hues in the trees. At the beginning of June, the summer holidays will start for all primary schools. On the 20th of June our summer camp will start. Everyone is looking forward to this. It is such a treat to enjoy ourselves – young and old – for a week with all kinds of games, sports and other activities. On the 1st of July all children and teenagers under 18 will go into the countryside. This year they will go to Kharkhorin – our new foster home – for six weeks. The older teenagers will try and find a summer job.

In the last few months we have accommodated 9 new children, among which 5 children of 3 and 4 years old. Everyone adores the little ones and the older children love to look after them. Let me introduce some of them to you:

These are: Chulan and Oyuka. They are 3 and 4 years old.



Oyuka's mother is an alcoholic and gave her away to a stranger when she lived on the streets. Oyuka lived with him on the streets for quite some time. Eventually he brought her to our foster home. Oyuka went through a lot. She used to live in underground pipes of the district heating. She is very skinny and suffers from Rachitis and therefore has very crooked arms and legs.

Chulan is a three-year-old and her mother gave her away when she was a baby. Her relatives brought her to an orphanage. She could stay there till her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday then she came to us. She is a very small and skinny child.



Lawgama



Suldee



Deegi

Lawgama is 10 years old and was beaten up by her mother so severely that she ended up in hospital several times. Before she came to us she was in hospital again with a broken arm and wounds all over her body. Now she is allowed to live with us and she enjoys that. Finally she can feel safe in our foster home.

Suldee is thirteen years old and has lived on the streets because he stepfather maltreated him. When he was only with us for a couple of days we celebrated his birthday. That was the first time in his life! He was very impressed with all the attention and shined with joy!

Deegi is seven years old and together with his 15-year-old sister came to live with us. His mother didn't want him and he lived with his grandmother. She didn't feel like looking after him either and his uncle mistreated him badly. Now he is thankful that he together with his sister can live with us.

Just a couple of stories of our new children. Each child has her/his own touching story. Fortunately we could accommodate these children when they were brought to us. We haven't yet got sponsors for most of these children. We hope that you are going to help us with this because we can't allow these children to live on the streets again!



*Some of the new children enjoying their food.  
For the first time in their lives are they having enough!*

Unfortunately our school bus broke down. We urgently need a new one because the children go to different schools and it takes too long for them to use public transport. We also ask your help for this problem.

Maarten van de Merwe has been working as a volunteer in our foster homes since May. This is what he writes:

*"My name is Maarten and I am in Mongolia as a volunteer. Since 2006 I and my wife Leonie have come to Mongolia for several times because these children have stolen our hearts. Now I am here for 5 months to assist wherever is needed and my wife will join me in July. I especially enjoy it to see the new children enter our foster homes as scary children and after a while they turn into joyful children who love to play with each other.  
Bayartai!"*



We thank God for his faithful care and we thank you for your support through prayer and gifts. We hope you will have a wonderful summer,  
On behalf of Asian Foundation,

Corry Vreugdenhil