

Alpha Communities Mongolia

Golden Root Kindergarten - May 2007

Dear Friends,

"GOD BE WITH YOU"

This is our big desire and wish: GOD BE WITH OUR CHILDREN as some of them leave the kindergarten on 31st May and start school in September.

It is not easy for us to let them go. They have been under our wings for the past two years. We have listened to them, we know their stories, we know their families and we know where they are coming from, all about their difficult circumstances, their struggles, their sorrows, their fears and tears! And we have enjoyed their laughter and the fun we have had together.

Training, teaching, playing, learning - is just part of education - the bigger challenge is to affirm them,



their value of "who" and how special they are and to lay a good foundation of self-acceptance and worth. We hope these seeds will continue to grow.

We are so thankful for all the "aids" that are supporting our goals, for all the materials donated to us, such as books, puzzles, learning and memory games, pencils, crayons, paper, paint... We have finally organized them in plastic containers on the shelves built in our container. It will be much easier to find things quickly in winter, at temperatures below minus 25°C!

We were even able to buy a laminator, the "dream" of a Mongolian kindergarten teacher.☺



We are also very grateful for the donations that not only enable us to run the kindergarten but also to provide two nutritious meals daily as well as coal and wood to cook the meals and keep the kindergarten building and gers well-heated, especially during the cold winter season!

Your gifts, generosity, money, love and prayer have been well invested - and always will be! It has affected the lives of over 100 children in just this one kindergarten, over the last seven years!



We feel so privileged to be a part of a bigger plan, to be able to touch and transform the lives of children, who live in this very barren place in the outskirts of the city.

"Oelzii looked at me with big eyes, his little hands supporting and holding his head. The family had had nothing to eat during the weekend so he was very tired and his head ached. In the afternoon, his mother came to pick him up and she walked very slowly. Gana had to listen carefully to understand what the mother was whispering... she has a weak heart and is unable to work or provide for her family. The father is earning too little...

What to do? What would you do?"

Hearing stories like Oelzii's on an all too regular basis has led to a desire to reach out to the families of the children and the wider community. To this end, we are developing a wider community development programme for Hani Matreal and planning to build a community centre. See next month's newsletter for more details.

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