



Soomee Kim

Mongolia

About Mongolia

Although Mongolia is one of the largest independent countries in the world, the country has little arable land. Mongolia's 2.9 million people live in a small habitable area and around 30% of the population is nomadic or semi nomadic.

Mongolia is rich in natural resources, however due to technological restrictions and a lack of manpower these resources are not being utilized to help the welfare of the Mongolian people. Due to this, about 20% of the population live off \$1.25 (US) per day.

The main religion is Lama Buddhism, with small numbers also following Shamanism and Islam. Christians are a minority group in Mongolia and public evangelizing is restricted.

About Soomee

Soomee is a UnitingWorld volunteer from Mount Waverly, Victoria. She has extensive education in textile design, specialising in felt art. As a practicing artist, Soomee has held exhibitions and won numerous awards in both Australia and Korea. Her teaching experience is also extensive; she has run many workshops and acted as a guest lecturer on several occasions.

Soomee's incredible skill and patient heart make her a wonderful person for this role.

The Project

Ulaanbaatar University was founded in 1993 by Korean missionaries. Although beginning humbly with small tuition classes run in rooms rented from the Mongolian Medical State University, Ulaanbaatar has now become the top private university in Mongolia with over 3,000 students.

Founders Rev. Soon-jae Yoon and Rev. Gae-shim Lee hoped not only to provide young Mongolians with an opportunity for tertiary education yet also to raise up young educated Christians who might show God's love to their nation.

Soomee, whilst visiting Ulaanbaatar University as a guest lecturer in 2007, discovered that despite the supply of natural resources, the Mongolian textile industry was vastly underdeveloped. After receiving an invitation from the university and feeling God's call to mission, Soomee agreed to establish a textiles design course at Ulaanbaatar commencing in 2010. She will travel to Mongolia as a visiting professor for two months every semester, teaching textile design, felting, tapestry, fabric dyeing and printing.

Soomee's extensive experience and commitment to this long term placement will be an enormous asset to Ulaanbaatar University.



Experience Program



Terelji Church

While in placement, Soomee will attend and support the Terelji Church which has been running for twelve years now. Its founder, Auh Too Goh, became a believer during high school, then went on to study theology and started up the Terelji Church. The Church now has around seventy members, including children. Due to severe Mongolian winters, the Church struggles to raise funding for appropriate heating and Soomee will work with the members to provide textile skills that they might have the ability to earn the necessary money independently.



Soomee's Australian Support

Soomee is supported by the Korean Church of Melbourne and the UCA Synod of Victoria/Tasmania. UnitingWorld is also delighted to partner with her important work.

Your support would be much appreciated!



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