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Bazarsad to Begin Ministry in Mongolia!

(by *Dave and Mary Jo Nutting*)

As we get older, the vision to train others has become clear. (It should have been long ago, but when you are young and idealistic, you think you can change the world single-handedly!) Anyway, now that we're "older" and, hopefully, wiser, we're serious about obeying Paul's exhortation to Timothy to commit what he had learned to faithful men who would be able to teach others. (II Tim. 2:2)

Bazarsad caught the vision and came halfway around the world from Mongolia to train for a creation ministry. He grew up under the strict atheistic, communist regime that ruled Mongolia for 70 years. He was trained in Russia and then taught physics at the Mongolian Technical University for 16 years. In 1992, an English language teacher shared her faith and invited him to church. He read the New Testament and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Shortly thereafter, he began working with a team translating the Bible and other Christian literature.

We first met Bazarsad in 1995 when God opened the doors for us to bring the creation message to Mongolia. Bazarsad attended a seminar we gave in Ulanbaatar, the capital city. He saw the importance of the message and how it could help spread the gospel in Mongolia.

While here, Bazarsad observed several creation seminars, endured many hours of one-on-one training with us, waded through many videos and much reading in English, and formulated a strategy for reaching the people of Mongolia with the creation message. Many churches and schools had an opportunity to meet a Christian brother from the "ends of the earth" and hear him relate the importance of the creation message to the people of Mongolia. Bazarsad thoroughly enjoyed the field trips to Colorado National Monument, Arches National Park, Glenwood Canyon, dinosaur

museums and quarry, and especially the mall! We think the highlight of his time in America was having his picture taken leaning on Elvis Presley's vintage car in Aspen!

It was a joy to have Bazarsad staying in our home! We enjoyed his dedication and enthusiasm, and appreciated the sacrifice he and his family made to allow him to come. Two-and-a-half months is a long time to be apart!

The staff and board of AOI are grateful for the opportunity to invest in Bazarsad's life and ministry. We have committed to help Bazarsad establish a creation ministry in Mongolia and have officially recognized him as our field representative to Mongolia. Bazarsad is eager to begin spreading the creation message in his homeland, and has an impressive list of projects in mind. At the top of his list is to translate our training manual and begin training others in the ministry. This multiplication is exciting to us-- committing the message to faithful men who can train others!

Creation is the logical starting point in reaching people with the gospel. We hope to train many others like Bazarsad, both here and abroad. Pray for Bazarsad as he puts his training into practice and for us as we train others.



Bazarsad and Family.

Notes & Quotes

An Interview with Bazarsad from Mongolia:

How did you first hear about creation science?

I heard it the first time in 1995 when Dave & Mary Jo came to Ulaanbaatar and gave a seminar at the Youth Center.

How did that affect you and your faith?

It was good- -an important message. I have a science background. Of course I was taught evolution in school. Sometimes the Bible and evolution messages contradicted. I needed some scientific evidence supporting the Bible. The creation message gave many answers I did not have. I found out I still could think and believe in the Bible. It strengthened my faith much more.

What do people think about creation in Mongolia?

Most have not heard about creation, but people who do hear appreciate and accept this message. This is one key to reach people with the gospel message.

Why is it a key?

Several reasons. All people who went through school were presented only with evolution and believe that message. It is a big stumbling block in reaching them. Mongol people need a scientific message about creation. We don't have the Old Testament in the Mongolian language yet [PTL! Fifteen books of the OT are ready for typesetting. Pray for completion!] Many people and even believers have no knowledge of the origin of the universe and human beings and everything. Some believers read the Old Testament books in English but still need a scientific support. All we heard for 70 years under atheistic, communistic teaching was evolution.

What is the state of the church in Mongolia today?

The church is growing very fast. In 1993, there were only a couple hundred believers. Now, ten thousand. Most believers are very young -- under 22 years old. Now some Mongol pastors are starting to preach in some churches but the number of believers is growing much more rapidly than the number of pastors. We need more very well-grounded pastors and believers. Most of our pastors now have been Christians no more than 5 years--some less than that, so if we compare with America, they do not have a very deep Bible knowledge. In America, there are a lot of books and videos for Christian growth. In Mongolia there is very little in our language.

Can you openly share your faith in Mongolia?

Yes, except in public and government facilities. In our homes, churches, on the streets, we have no problem at this time.

Bazarsad, do you have more freedom to travel and share the message than a foreigner?

Yes, foreigners still need permission to travel. Sometimes it is given, sometimes not. I can go most places and share the creation and gospel message. [Ed. Note: That is one reason why it is so important to train nationals. Besides, we don't have time in our lifetime to go everywhere. It is mandatory to multiply this ministry by training others.]

Do you have a family back home?

I have a wife and two daughters and a mother-in-law at home. One daughter is 13 and the other is 1 ½ years old.

Why did you come halfway around the world to receive training in creation?

I see the importance of the creation message for the Mongol people, so I came here to learn more about the creation material and learn to present it to my Mongol people.

What did you like best about your stay in America?

Many people are very friendly and helpful. It was good to gain lots of knowledge and books -- it will be very helpful for my work with creation. I also appreciated receiving the equipment- the projector, computer and accessories.

Anything else you want to share about your time here?

I am very excited about the decision of AOI board about considering me a field representative and director of the AOI creation work to my own people in Mongolia.

What are you hoping to do when you get back?

First I want to translate the training manual on creation and train some people to teach creation. I also want to give seminars in Mongolia on creation, and train some others so they can give programs for children because all they hear is evolution. This is while I continue with my job at JCS translating the Ryrie Study Notes for the Old Testament. (which is not yet translated) I also plan to translate some creation videos into Mongolian and get them shown on the national television, in churches, and in home groups. I also want to translate and distribute T&B. I might try to organize a creationist dinosaur tour of Mongolia. [Ed note: YESSSS!]

How can the readers of *Think & Believe* help your ministry in Mongolia?

We need a lot of prayer for Mongolia and for the Christians to spread the message. If possible some financial support would be helpful since this job is a big job and more than one person can do alone. We could use some others to train and work with. [Ed note: Thanks to all of you who helped with the Mongolian project. It was money well spent!]

Spotlight On Science

Feathered Dinosaurs?

(by Dave Nutting)

Wow! They thought they had it. What an evolutionary “feather-in-the-cap!” Newspaper articles reflected the enthusiasm of researchers. Bold headlines declared, “Dinosaur with Feathers Discovered in China.” One of the articles actually stated, “The people who resist the dinosaur origin of birds will have a hard time explaining this.” Many people read these articles, but most never saw later research that the “feathers” were not feathers at all.

What’s the big deal? The common teaching by most evolutionists, textbooks, and museums is that dinosaurs are not extinct at all, but they merely evolved into birds. As stated in *Scientific American Quick Article Summaries* February 1998, “Fossil discoveries and anatomical evidence now overwhelmingly confirm that birds descended from small, two-legged, meat-eating dinosaurs.” The fact is that no evidence has been found of reptile legs turning into wings nor scales evolving into feathers. Also, no dinosaur with feathers has ever been found. This has been a major problem for the theory. Besides this the anatomical evidence is under tremendous attack by evolutionists themselves including Alan Feduccia who recently wrote a book, *The origin and Evolution of Birds*. This new “feathered” creature was hopefully the piece of data they were looking for.

The fossil, *Sinosauropteryx*, had a crest of dark material which Ji Qiang, the director of the National Geological Museum in Beijing, China, reported as feathers. This immediately had the experts on red alert with hopeful enthusiasm. Four experts traveled to China to check it out. They returned less enthusiastically than they journeyed. Although the scientists couldn’t tell what the structures actually were, they concluded they probably were not feathers. Brush, an ornithologist and expert on feathers, suggested they looked like many of the hairlike structures that are found on reptiles living today. One such structure supports a frill, or crest, like those on iguanas. Although Ji Qiang is still not ready to give up on feathers, all agree that more research needs to be done to determine what the structures actually are.

Whenever a report proclaims new evidence for evolution, let the smoke and hype clear and take a new look. This certainly applies to feathered dinosaurs. Actually, I would have no problem with a feathery crest on the great Behemoth. After all, it is referred to as the “chief” of the ways of God. It would be a crowning highlight to have a gorgeous splash of feathery color as a headdress! *Job 40:19 KJV*

Scientific Breakthrough?

(by Kenneth Atkins*)

You see a headline: “Scientific Breakthrough! Scientists now know how XXX works!” In the article, the researcher is quoted as saying, “We now understand” You may think, “Isn’t it amazing what the scientists are discovering these days?” The headlines imply that scientists are beginning to understand how the universe works. From subatomic particles to the Big Bang to evolution, scientists are figuring everything out. Given enough time, man will understand everything! However, there is a fundamental problem with this idea.

In actuality, scientists do not know for sure how anything works. They definitely do not understand WHY anything works. Scientists develop theories, equations, or models that describe the way things seem to work now, and then predict how things should work in the future. While these equations or models may be good at predicting the physical behavior of the universe, they do not tell us anything about why things work the way they do, nor do they necessarily represent the actual mechanics of the processes that they are applied to.

One example of this truth is gravity. Scientists have observed (as we all have) that there is a force that draws all matter toward other matter. Equations are used to predict this effect, but this is only formulating what has already been observed in nature. The equations do not tell us anything about what CAUSES gravity. They just formulate and quantify observations. Scientists have no idea WHY gravity works -- they just know THAT it works. They make guesses (such as graviton particles, or curves in space) to explain gravity, but they do not know if any of these ideas even vaguely approximate reality.

When new scientific breakthroughs are in the news, remember that scientists are not advancing man’s understanding of why things work. They are only formulating more accurate models of the universe. While this may be a good thing, we must remember that only God knows why things work the way they do, and He has stated that this knowledge is beyond our understanding. (See *Job 26:14* and *Eccl. 8:16.*)

**This article was written by one of the readers of Think & Believe. Ken has a background in physics and computer programming. He too is interested in spreading the creation message and exposing the lie of evolution. Thanks for your insights, Ken!*

The Back Page...

** Upcoming Events **

(N=Nutting; J=Johnson; S=Stepanek)

Please pray for these events. Thanks!

- Ap 1-10: CO, UT, AZ: Bible College Field Trip (N)**
Contact us 970-523-9943
- Ap 3-4: Craig, CO: Youth Rally and Curriculum Fair (S)**
Contact Ren Berkoff 970-824-3198
- Ap 5: Rifle, CO: 1st Christian Church (J,S)**
Contact Michael Flager 970-984-2691
- Ap 26-28: Gillette, WY: Area Seminar (N,S)**
Contact Mary Hansen 307-687-1907
- Ap 26-27: Salt Lake City, UT: Student Seminars (J)**
Contact us Wendy Metzger 801-255-5029
- Ap 29-May 1: Sitka, AK: Nazarene Church (J)**
Contact Doug Stude 907-747-8115
- May 3-7: Juneau, AK: Mini VBS & Adult Seminars (J,S)**
Contact Nicki Sullivan 907-789-9314
- May 9-10: Sioux Falls, SD: Homeschool Conference (S)**
Contact Kim Liedtke 605-338-1553
- May 9-11: Hoonah, AK: Assembly of God (J)**
Contact Lane Vanetta 907-945-3271
- May 12-14: Ketchikan, AK: Assembly of God (J)**
Contact Lee Corrao 907-225-6194

Grand Junction Area Events:

(Call 970-523-9943 for more information.)

- Mar 28: Hands-on Science Workshop with Russ McGlenn**
Fun and informative for the whole family! Call for details.
- Ap 3: Elementary Science Fair (Monument Baptist)**
Call 970-523-9943 by March 30 to register.
- Ap 3: Focus on Creation Family Night (Monument Baptist)**
Elementary Science Fair Recognition & Program with Eugene
- Ap 24-25: Vacation Bible School Training (Location TBA)**
Prepare for summer VBS. Call to register.
- May 1: Focus on Creation Family Night (Christian Worship Center)**
Creation Evidences in Israel (Slide Presentation of Nutting's Trip)

** 1998 Creation Vacations **

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- Twin Peaks Science Adventure: June 28-July 3**
Redcloud Mountain Adventure I: Aug 9-14
Redcloud Mountain Adventure II: Aug 16-21
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** VBS Training **

Grand Junction, April 24-25

Now is your chance to come yourself or bring a team to be trained by the Johnsons to do a Creation VBS. Call for details: 970-523-9943.

** Prayer and Praise **

- Praise God for Bazarsad's training time here and his safe return home. Pray for his ministry in Mongolia.
- Praise God for open doors and opportunities to speak. Please pray for strength, safety, and fruit for eternity.
- Praise God for our faithful volunteers. Pray for more. We specifically need office and library helpers.
- Praise God for meeting our daily needs. Pray for continued provision. Pray also for funds for waiting projects.

** Can You Help? **

Praise God! The items ✓ed below have been donated! Pray for those still needed. Call if you have or would be willing to purchase any of them for our use. Thanks!

- ✓ Tall metal rolling stand for TV/VCR
- ✓ Slide projectors and trays
- ✓ Several computers
- ✓ Cabinets for work room
- Portable projection stands with telescoping legs
- Computer monitors (SVGA) and printers
- VCR (good quality)
- High capacity copy machine
- Good quality office and stacking or folding chairs
- Labeller (for attaching labels to newsletters)
- Bible study aids, reference books, encyclopedias
- Creation books and magazines for library
- Good quality microscopes and microprojector
- Video Projectors (High Lumen)

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