

The Mongolian School for Theological Education by Extension (MSTEE)

Mongolia is a large country, and the church is growing. The continuing tasks of making disciples, equipping every believer for active service, and training new leaders are vital. What resources are there to help with these ongoing tasks?

Theological Education by Extension, usually abbreviated to TEE, is one answer to this crucial question. The heart of TEE is to provide relevant, Bible-based training materials wherever the need is, so that churches can equip their own members.

Some facts and figures:

- Since 1998, over 3000 individuals have studied one or more courses
- From February 1, 2008 until January 31, 2010 more than eight hundred students from sixty churches studied at least one course
- Over 100 students are actively studying in the Certificate in Christian Ministry program

The last year and a half has been a very eventful one for the MSTEE:

First, a Mongolian Director, P. Enkhmunkh, was appointed in November 2008. Just a few months later, the first graduation ceremony of the four-year leadership training program, the Certificate in Christian Ministry, took place, with thirteen students from three churches.

In October 2009, a Visiting Evaluation Team from the Asia Theological Association recommended the four-year Certificate program for accreditation. This decision made the MSTEE only the third Extension Studies School in Asia to receive accreditation for a program. The team commented in their report that 'a major strength of the program is its ministry to reach the church in the countryside and those church leaders who cannot study full time'.

Looking ahead, the School is beginning work on diploma and degree level programs in Christian Ministry, and is planning an appeal to raise funds to buy office space to use instead of the current rented premises.

Please pray for:

- The Holy Spirit's help for tutors and students studying in groups around Mongolia
- The lengthy process of registration with the Mongolian government
- Development of the diploma and degree stages of the training program
- The necessary funds to buy office space for the School
- Safety for the Director and staff of the School as they travel, and for good health and protection for their families

If you would like to know more about the MSTEE, visit the website at www.teemongolia.mn

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MSTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The MSTEE provides the churches of Mongolia with Theological Education in an Extension mode, helping all church members to find their national cultural inheritance and identity in Christ, and to become effective ministers in church and society.



Graduates, MSTEE staff and the Chairman of the MSTEE Board at the first graduation in February 2009.



The three members of the ATA Visiting Evaluation Team (front centre and right) with the Director (left) and the two consultants.