



# JCS International, Mongolia

*Our Vision is to See Mongolians*

*Building and Restoring Families, Churches and Communities*

## 2010 Annual Report



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# Introduction

**Compared** to 2008 and 2009, the year 2010 was wonderful and relatively smooth for JCS. We did not experience the same level of dollar depreciation or inflation that led to huge deficits as in 2008 and 2009. Mongolia has been stable politically. We are thankful to our Member Bodies for providing financial support to all our volunteers and JCS' projects. All these have enabled JCS to operate with vision and purpose without much hindrance.

In the beginning of the year, JCS felt the impact of dzud facing the nomadic communities throughout the country. We were able to provide relief to families in Khujirt, Ovorkhangai Province, and two counties in Bayankhongor Province. We also implemented a livestock redistribution project in Tonkhil of Gobi-Altai Province.

The biggest challenge in 2010 for JCS was to purchase a permanent office space. Over the last 17 years, JCS had been renting office space. With multiple moves and rent increases, the financial burden on JCS also increased. In 2010, JCS was able to purchase a floor in a new building to be our office space with contributions from our member bodies. We moved into this facility the end of June. With the purchase, JCS is making a new long-term commitment in fulfilling our role as a relief and development agency. It is with sincere and genuine hope that JCS will continue to bring lasting impact to individuals, families, and communities in the country.



Another big venture is the beginning of a business project, the Papa Café Project. The project aims to provide employment and an alcohol free environment for young people to meet; it also provides a counseling service, Friday Fun Night, as well as an English Club. The Café wants to promote good, healthy youth culture among Mongolia's younger generation.

JCS continues to seek closer partnership with Mongolian entities like FARM (Family Agriculture Resources Mongolia), Soul of the Steppe, XAB NGO, etc. Our hope is to help support national initiated projects by providing both professional volunteers and financial assistance. Currently, over 60 long-term and short-term staff from 21 countries are working as volunteers with JCS. These volunteers provide their professional skills through implementing projects in JCS or other partner organizations. Many also work in hospitals, universities, and other NGOs.

In closing, I want to thank God and the prayers of many Christians around the world that have kept the staff of JCS and their families healthy while serving in Mongolia. Likewise, JCS wants to thank the government of Mongolia for their continuing support and cooperation in granting us visas to work and implement projects legally in the country.

Dr. Kwai Lin C. Stephens  
Executive Director  
JCS International

## ArtisAltai in Gobi-Altai Province (started 2009)

**Number of employees:** three part-time employees

**Number of project participants:** six

**Goal:** The main goal of ArtisAltai is to improve the living conditions of the poor and marginalized people of Altai through enabling them to acquire life skills. Through developing their craft and business skills their income is increased. ArtisAltai aims to help them learn to manage this income, thus enabling them to recover their dignity as members of the community.

### Activities in 2010

The following activities were carried out during 2010.

- Developed the market in Mongolia, and various European countries as well as in Australia.
- Project participants continue to enjoy making the jewelry and there is a noticeable improvement in the quality of their produce.
- Started to train the second group of artisans.
- Throughout the year the project participants received various training in the areas of:

*Finance:* how to establish a family budget, manage expenses, save money

*Team building:* to develop understanding and appreciation of the various roles of employees and project participants. Learning how to improve the ability to work as a team and to recognize each other's strengths

*Building self esteem:* learning to recognise the potential in both self and others

*Integrity:* learning how to make the right decisions, how to live a daily honest life, and understanding how bribery can affect communities and individuals

*Time management:* How to select priorities in life in order to be more productive. How to manage and decrease stress, and how to use skills to their best potential

*Taxes:* How to build a business based on honesty, and how to follow the government laws relating to business. The importance of declaring taxes and how to fill in the "blue tax notebook"

As requested by the project participants, a seminar was taught on *raising children*. The importance of a healthy diet and good nutrition were subjects highlighted

Optional *English lessons* continue to be taught once a week



## Caring for Disabled Children Project - The Hope Center in Erdenet (since 2002)

- The Hope Center has an Educational and Health Program for up to 24 disabled children and an Activity Center Program (ACP) for disabled young adults.
- Nine staff run the programs, including a manager, teachers, assistants, an accountant, a cook and a nurse.

### Goal of the Educational and Health Program:

Disabled children within and outside of Erdenet will become more self-reliant to the extent of their abilities and more closely reach their individual potential.

### Goal of the ACP:

Disabled teenagers/adults and severely disabled children, who have no access to any school or institution, will receive ongoing activities in order to develop physically, emotionally and spiritually, to give them possibilities to socialize, to avoid boredom at home, to explore their individual talents and gifts and where possible to give them an opportunity to earn money.

### Activities in 2010

The following activities were carried out during 2010.

- The children received Education and Exercises according to their own ability and disability.
- On the last Friday of each month, the teachers and nurse evaluate the goals set for that month and set new goals for the next month for every child.
- Every third month the staff do an evaluation with every child.
- Children got involved in several singing competitions.
- In accordance with the decision of the center, children have an opportunity to attend the Educational and Health program until they reach 18 years old.
- Two teenagers, Khorloo and Selenge wrote poems and made a little book of poems.
- The project adviser gave advice on teaching methods, giving exercises, setting goals, being a good manager, how to handle children with behavioral issues, and on the need to respect the manager and each other.
- The ACP participants had opportunities listening to music, playing games, dancing, cooking, discussing articles from newspapers or magazines, chatting and receiving some very simple English lessons.
- The center arranged a little exhibition of the things made by the youth at the ACP.
- The center was interviewed by a newspaper journalist and its article was published in their newspaper which has been reaching out to many Mongolians.
- The center has been working hard on getting 100% support from the Mongolian Government and has been meeting with several Parliament Members, the Province Governor, the Chairwoman of Education and Culture, the Chairwoman of Social Welfare, the Copper Mining Staff, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education and Science in an open meeting.
- Visitors from other Provinces, local organizations in Erdenet, foreigners, TV stations, etc. visited our Center to get information on how to run a center for disabled children or to provide materials for the center.



## **Celebrate Recovery Network Project in Ulaanbaatar, Bayankhongor, Tuv, Selenge, Darkhan, Erdenet, Arkhangai, Zavkhan, Khovd, Sukhbaatar, Dundgobi, and South Gobi Provinces (since 2002)**

**Project employees:** four

**Goal:** To develop support, partnership and cooperation between CR Groups. The CR Project helps alcoholics and their families to be free from their addiction through finding a way to have healthy lives.

### **Activities in 2010**

- Arranged a two-part training for 56 participants in January and October.
- Arranged a training called "Youth need recovery in their heart" in Ulaanbaatar for 36 youth from Bayankhongor, Khovd, Tuv, Darkhan and Ulaanbaatar.
- Arranged a training in Khentii for 20 people, co-working with World Vision in February.
- Arranged a training in GobiSumber for 18 people.
- Arranged a training in Darkhan-Uul for 20 people.
- Arranged a training called "Health without alcohol" for three Soums' citizens of Khentii, co-working with World Vision in Khentii in September.
- Arranged meetings for CRN Groups Leaders in July and December and held summer and winter conferences.
- Made a 12 series program called "Celebrate Recovery", co-working with Eagle TV in April. The program aimed to broadcast real stories of people who were restored from alcohol addiction and to let alcoholics know there is a way to be free from their addiction. It was broadcasted every Wednesday from 10:00 till 10:30 pm, and repeated every Thursday from 11:00 till 11:30 am. Because of a good result, the program was broadcasted again in July for 12 weeks.
- Visited group members and gave advice.
- Made an advertisement against alcohol in the women's temporary prison once a week.
- Published "Celebrate Recovery" bi-monthly newsletter for group members.
- Arranged leadership quarterly meetings.



## **Eternal Springs, a youth center in Erdenet (since 2003)**

**Number of employees:** five

**Goal:** Every year young people in Erdenet will live more purposeful, socially responsible, healthier and happier lives.

### **Activities in 2010**

#### **• Youth Café**

Daily activities involve preparing bakery goods for the guests to buy. The café has about 2000 visitors per year. To make the café more profitable the bakery goods have been offered at a local shop, "Good Price". The café has also applied for and received a "Standard 100%" certificate from a local office that ensures the standard of food sold at shops. This has brought more opportunities to sell bakery goods at more locations.

#### **• The Members and Short-term Courses (STC)**

Since the beginning of the project, the total number of members has been about a thousand in the youth center. Every month, activities involve running cultural exchange hours, explaining foreign holidays like Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and arranging English, Guitar, Homemaking and Pre-vocational courses. In addition, further training is provided in a Homemaking, Pre-vocational and Youth Development Program held in cooperation with World Vision.

#### **• Youth Training Program (YTP)**

YTP meets on Mondays and has provided training in Relationships and Health.



## Hearts to Hearts Project in UB

**Number of employees:** one

**Goal:** To help alcoholics and street people take responsibility for their own lives so that they can have their own family, home and job in the future.

The "Hearts to Hearts" project works closely with the "Soul of the Steppe NGO". Note: The "Soul of the Steppe NGO" provides housing, jobs (such as building, carpentry, renovation or selling coal) and food for those who used to live on the street and who are addicted to vodka.

### Activities in 2010

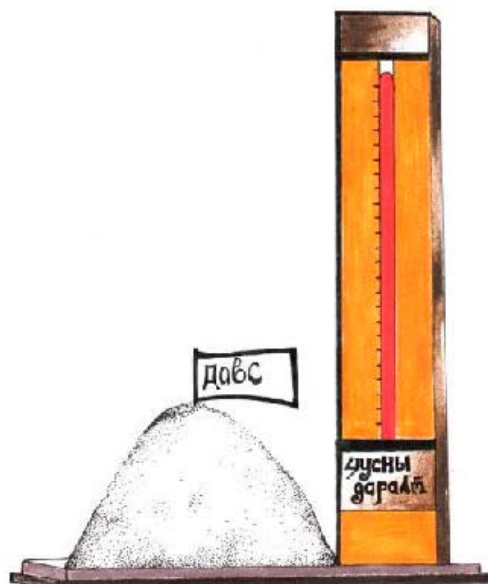
- Provided donations of food, medicine, clothes and bedding depending on the needs of the participants.
- Provided services to the participants including taking them to hospital when they had major illness or injuries.
- Provided training for participants including business and financial seminars in cooperation with MINA NGO.
- Provided a vehicle for the use of the "Soul of the Steppe NGO" to take participants to work, transport materials etc.



## Health survey with Gobi-Altai Health Department

### Work carried out in 2010

- Material was developed for stroke survivors and their families, as well as health promotion material aimed at preventing stroke. This material was widely distributed in health facilities in the provincial centre of Uson Bulag as well as twelve soum centre hospitals.
- A health survey was developed for people with hypertension and/or a diagnosis of stroke in Gobi-Altai's rural community. The survey was conducted with two local doctors who were employed specifically for this work. Altogether twelve soums were visited and four hundred and sixty nine people were surveyed.
- Winter coats were distributed to disabled children in collaboration with the local welfare department and family doctors. A wheelchair was also given through JCS to the local children's ward.



## Job Creation Project (since 2010)

**Goal:** To empower women to find work opportunities so that they can meet the needs of their families by establishing a source of income, gaining work and life skills.

### Activities in 2010

- Arranged training for jewelry making in cooperation with the Streams in the Desert Project of GEO-M NGO and gave career advice to participants.
- Took participants to visit the ArtisAltai Project in Gobi-Altai to learn about the importance of quality production, learning new skills, color, design, etc.
- Trained participants to be responsible members of society, with diligence, cooperation and integrity.
- Arranged weekly group session for ladies to work through Celebrate Recovery Network Project material to work through personal issues.
- Arranged a training of elementary business management and budgeting.



## Kitchen Garden (KiGa) phase III Project in Bayankhongor (BH) and Ovorkhangai (OV) Provinces

The KiGa projects were initiated by JCS International and have been operating since 1998. JCS sponsors the KiGa Phase III (2010-2012), but it is being implemented by FARM NGO.

**Goal:** To support and improve the long term production and sustainability of ten cooperatives (125 families) established during phase I and II, and to provide increased food security and income to 180 families in rural Mongolia by establishing community fields and cooperatives at three new locations.

### Activities in 2010

- Supported beneficiaries by arranging suitable gardening sites (including ploughing, planting, fencing, irrigation system, etc.)
- Provided hand tools and a variety of seeds for beneficiaries.
- Provided a greenhouse to beneficiaries in OV Province, Khujirt Soum.
- Provided training about raising seedlings, planting, watering, fertilizing, weeding, harvesting, preserving, cooking, and storing vegetables.
- Arranged cooperative training that was conducted by the Mongolian Cooperative Training and Information Center (MCTIC) for cooperative members.



## "Pearls of Wisdom" book translation Project in UB (since 2005)

**Number of employees:** six—including three translator/editors, one second-editor, one proofreader and one master copy/cover designer.

**Goal:** To encourage character growth, healthy relationships and family renewal through book translation, printing and distribution.

### Activities in 2010

- Completed the translation draft for two whole books and two partial books.
- Finished editing the English and Mongolian versions of the family life home study course 1 (marriage focus) which was then printed and is now in use.
- Printed two new books and one reprint of a sold out title.
- Distributed 3400 books through five stores, individual sales and donations of defective product to NGOs.
- Project manager's tasks and responsibilities included beginning to write the family life home study course 2 (parenting focus), regularly answering English translation questions, project fundraising, determining the translation schedule, facilitating book distribution, accounting, activity reporting and problem solving.



## Pilot Greenhouse Project in Ondorkhaan, Khentii (since 2009)

**Number of employees:** one

**Goal:** The pilot greenhouse project is an initiative to increase the health and well-being of the people of Ondorkhaan, the provincial center of Khentii, in the northeastern part of Mongolia, by modeling a greenhouse, teaching and inspiring local families to use greenhouse technology and by researching and creating a Phase II project that will assist families in producing vegetables by imitating a sustainable greenhouse model.

### Activities in 2010

- Arranged training for project participants about building a cold frame, planting seedlings, pruning and tying up the plants.
- Built the greenhouses and transplanted the seedlings into the greenhouses.
- Demonstrated three different styles of greenhouses to observe the advantages of each: standard, wooden frame and an in-ground greenhouse.
- Harvested a good amount of vegetables.



## Papa Café Project in Ulaanbaatar (since 2010, May)

**Number of employees:** five (1 Business Manager, 1 Service Manager, 1 Cook and 2 Bakers)

**Goal:** To see a healthy and safe hang-out place (alcohol and smoke free) where people of all ages are warmly welcomed through a sustainable café business.

Functioning as an integrated business model, the café creates employment and provides skills-training opportunities. The café serves coffee, tea and soft drinks, fresh pastries and light meals.

### Activities in 2010

- Arranged business training in January and February.
- Arranged cooking and baking training from March till the opening in October.
- Organized the building renovation, equipped and furnished the café from July till September.
- Papa Café opened on October 18th to the public and started to serve customers.
- Organized special events on Fridays, such as games, selective movies, etc.



## UB United Football Project in Ulaanbaatar (since 2003)

**Number of employees:** two

**Goal:** To help youth and children of Ulaanbaatar by providing training in self-esteem, healthy relationships and having a purposeful life.

### Goals:

- Project children will show a good example through football to other schools, clubs and community.
- Club employees and project children will be a good example for others.
- Protecting project children from involvement in alcohol addiction, crime, missing classes, cigarettes, pc games, etc.
- Helping children to have good character through football.

### Activities in 2010

- Arranged two to three times of weekly football training for 120 project children divided into age groups of 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 and 16-17 at two schools of Chingeltei District (Schools 72 and 39).
- Received three months of training and experience from JCS volunteer Bjorn from Sweden.
- Arranged two weeks of summer camp with football training for 40 project boys and girls aged 13-16 years old.
- Participated successfully in the National and Districts football games.
- Renovated School 72 gym co-working with World Vision Khailaast ADP.



In 2010, there were more than 60 long and short-term volunteers working in different sectors of the Mongolian society. These volunteers not only provided their services freely to this country with high commitment, they also gave financial contributions to JCS' administration as well as projects. The following are just a few examples of professional volunteers that are placed with other agencies.

## Language Teachers/Education

JCS is providing teachers to schools, colleges, universities, and youth centers. These teachers enable Mongolians to improve their language skills so that they can have direct access to academic material printed in English; some of these teachers work alongside other Mongolian teachers to improve their teaching methodology.



Petrus Handoyo  
Teacher at Mongolia International University



Shino Yada  
Teacher at Ikh Zasag University



Spencer and Pat Garner  
Teachers in Gobi-Altai Province

## Health Care

JCS provides volunteer nurses, doctors, and professional health care workers to help develop and improve health care in Mongolia. Some of these volunteers provide advanced medical knowledge, skills, and resources to their Mongolian partners.



Dr. Paul and Lydia Choi  
work in Yonsei Friendship Hospital and Medical  
University

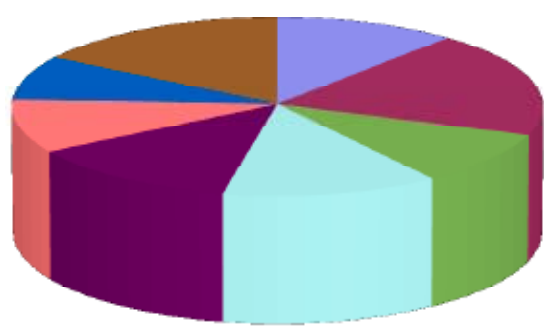


Hayley Bagnall  
works in Gobi-Altai Province



Mi Jin Park  
works in Yonsei Friendship Hospital

The charts below indicates JCS volunteers staff working in different sectors.



- Agriculture (7)
- Education (12)
- Admin (7)
- Health (8)
- Business (8)
- Youth Development (6)
- Relief (5)
- Language Study (10)

## Providing Dzud Relief

### Food Aid to Dzud Victims

Early this year, JCS received relief requests from local authorities of Khujirt soum, Ovorkhangai Province, Bayankhongor Province and Gobi-Altai Province.

159 families in Khujirt who lost 100% of their animals received food aid from JCS in March. Another 100 families from Bayan Undur and Shin Jinst soums of Bayankhongor Province received food aid in April.



## Dzud Relief in Tonkhil Soum, Gobi-Altai Province

The dzud disaster of 2009-2010 forced many herders to leave their land and move into the cities. JCS worked with the local Gobi-Altai government leaders to determine the communities with the greatest needs. At that time it was decided that JCS focus on Tonkhil soum center and Altan Soyombo bag (small administrative district) in order to bring help and hope. In February, in Tonkhil soum center about 300 dormitory children were provided with clothing and other gifts.

In June, JCS team members met with local leaders and families to determine which 13 families most needed help. In August, these 13 families in Altan Soyombo were given a total of 633 animals so that they could stay on the land and not move to the city. Each family received 27 goats and 21 sheep. Ten additional animals were given to Altan Soyombo for a community reserve in case of future disasters.

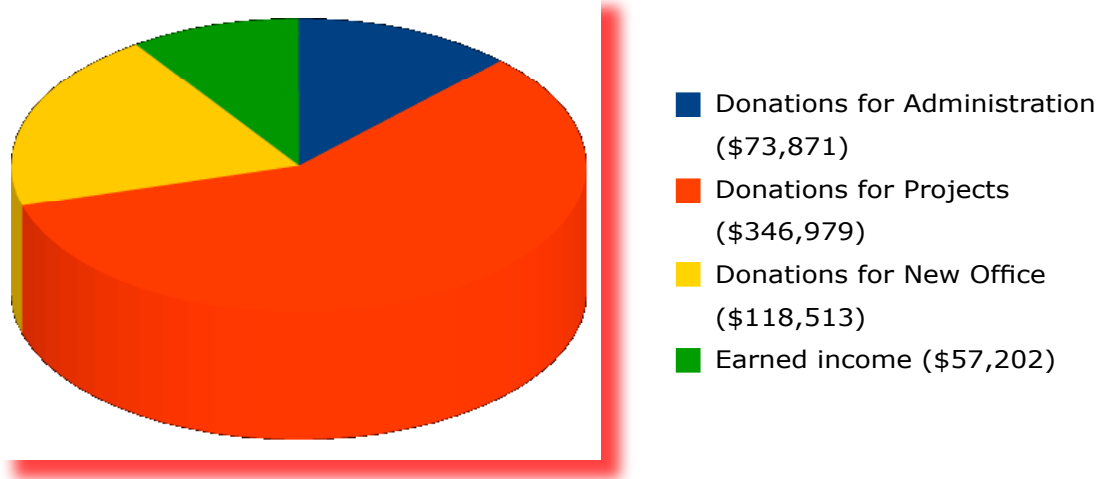


## 2010 Finance

An important financial contribution to the Mongolian society is the free services given by our professional volunteers.

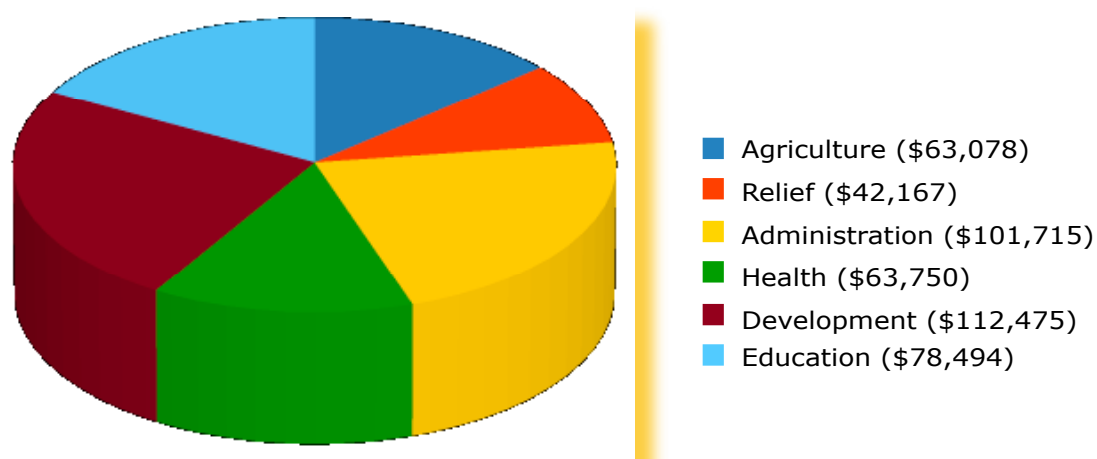
In 2010, JCS received donations of US\$73,871 from our volunteers towards administrative costs. Our volunteers also raised US\$346,979 for projects and US\$118,513 towards the cost of a new office. Ministry-related economic activities raised US\$57,202. These contributions provided employment for about 50 nationals in our projects and office and facilitated the activities in this report.

### JCS Income in 2010



The chart below illustrates how these funds were used in different sectors of Mongolian society.

### JCS Expenses in 2010





## **JCS Leadership Team**

**Kwai Lin Stephens /Executive Director/  
Daniel Parker /Projects Director/  
Jim Sedore /New Ventures and Strategy Director/  
Sam Biro /Personnel Director/  
Laura Schlabach /Bayankhongor Representative/  
Patrick Hellberg /Erdenet Representative/**