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Did you know that 8 of the Psalms begin verses with the entire Hebrew Alphabet? Yes, when God gave these Psalms the entire Alphabet was on clear display for all to see; and not even the little kids could miss it. They didn't have to look for it, it was staring them right in the face. So why can't we see what the original audience could see without even trying? Because no Bible Translation has even tried to use the Alphabet in English to mirror the original Hebrew Alphabet. For example, let me translate the first part of Psalm 111 as a ancient Jew would have seen it:

You Guys Praise YHVH!

- A. All my heart, with it I will give thanks,
 B. By those in the council of the upright ones and the congregation.
 C. Colossal are the deeds of YHVH,

- D. Desired by those that take pleasure in them.
 E. Each work is honor and majesty,
 F. Forever, His righteousnesses they endure.
 G. Glorious works He has made to be remembered,
 H. Holding grace and mercy is YHVH.
 I. In giving food to those who fear Him . . .

As you can see, the ABCs are on clear display. This same pattern, called an acrostic, is also used with God's name: YHVH with its four letters beginning four verses; or even four words in a row. Lamentations is the great Acrostic Book! So why do we translate the entire Bible at Charnock Institute of the Bible? If you have to ask, you probably should not come!

Mongolia Update

We have invested hundreds of hours working on Curriculum . . .

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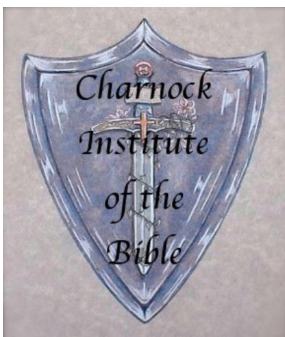
LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD, is ready to publish in the Rawang language. Thank you God! This book is used for many Churches as their Sunday School book (where almost no resources available). Great! Your support will get these into the hands of many whose only book may be a New Testament. This book, with the New Testament, will provide a complete curriculum for any Church children's ministry.

Once published, the next translation into the next language is ready to begin. There are two other languages after that! We also have a request for a Mongolian translation, where we are told, "No such book exists in the Mongolian Language." May we, by God grace, get this project under way. Their lives will be changed. Mongolian College Curriculum is being translated right now! The glory is truly not ours . . .

Blessings!



PLAN NOW FOR THIS COMING SUMMER



Plan now on joining us for summer session beginning in June. You will earn Certificates in Hebrew and Greek Translation. Why not join the group of Translation Consultants and serve where you are needed as a Translation Consultant.

Did you know that if you are a full time student at CIB,

your spouse can attend your classes for free? She can also attend other classes that you are not taking at half the cost.

Second Child? The Second Child (or third, or fourth) attends CIB at half the normal cost. A great savings.

Graduates - CIB offers classes in Syriac and Egyptian for a Masters Degree. These languages are your path to the first two Translations of the Bible in the a.d. 100s and 200s. See how the Early Church Understood the text!

. . . for Mongolia. We are completing the first year of courses in what will form the Pastoral Training Program for the MONGOLIA NOMADIC BIBLE INSTITUTE in Mongolia. All Curriculum is in their native language (their heart language in which they think, and in which they sin).

Most of the curriculum which has been developed for the Mongolian Nomadic Bible Institute is new. No there College or Seminary has used it before. Its uniqueness lies in it Inductive Based Approach. Students are placed in a context in which they are learning to learn. In this lies the Inductiveness, or drawing the truth out of the text for one's self. In fact, it appears that this may even be something that we at CIB want to look into adopting.

In nine months time each student will read through the New Testament 10 to 12 times. This is besides the regular reading required in their New Testament Survey class! They will memorize the book of Colossians in the first Semester. Memorizing Scripture is a major part of the curriculum.

The Interpretation Class is Inductive and requires them to dig and dig some more. To think and draw their own conclusion on what the text says. They will study through entire books of Scripture and draw their conclusion as to what the author meant. They will determine for themselves

what the Scriptures teach in handling ongoing sin in a Church, or even a sinning Pastor. How to interpret Psalms, Proverbs, New and Old Testament Books and the rest.

The Shepherding Introduction Class will require an Inductive and in-depth study of the Pastoral letters. This is 1, 2 Timothy and Titus; along with in depth readings of Acts focusing on Biblical Leadership. They will see for themselves what Shepherding is and is not.

Students are in active ministry 5 to 10 hours each week for the entire time of their education. The Bible knows nothing of Learning Without Serving. Washing feet and serving was a major part of walking with Jesus and being discipled by Him; and by the Apostles as well.

Mongolia has been a unique challenge and the Church has only gotten into the country since the 1990s. God has brought them along very well and there is much to do. If it is His will, we pray that this curriculum will be:

1. Affordable - The costs of all books and materials for a full year training is less than \$100 per student.
2. Available - Much of what has been developed is being made available online to download for free.
3. Usable - Any Church can start a Learning Center.
4. Practical - The materials are designed to train Pastors first and foremost.

The future is bright for White Stone Missions. God has shocked us all in the great missions opportunities He has brought into our world. We look to Him for all His plans for us.

Thank you to all of you who work so hard with us. You make this possible as Jesus works through you!

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