



## Merry Christmas From Mongolia!

I'm not a huge fan of "Christmas Lists". It seems a little "Santa Clausey" to me, and I kind of like picking out gifts for people that are unique and meaningful. That said, I can see the advantage of a list. If Renee' needs a new set of dishes and I buy her a pair of pliers, I probably haven't done her any favors. So, against my better judgement, I am going to give you a Christmas list. However, this list isn't for me or Renee' ... this list is for the Grain of Wheat Community Center in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia!

Fall 2012 has been a fantastic season of ministry at the **Grain of Wheat Community Center**. There are numerous excellent reports that could be given. We've seen several young men and women begin to follow Jesus' path of discipleship. For this grace, we're so very grateful. We've also seen the numbers of students and patrons of UBean Coffee House significantly increase. English classes are being taught every week, in spite of being down a teacher. It's all very encouraging.

There's a new music room that's full of student musicians every day, learning to play instruments and learning what it means to follow Jesus. Our library and computer lab is seeing increased traffic, and student membership is growing.. Live music events have also been off-the-charts. Most weeks, "Open Mic Night" is standing room only.

As we look to the coming new year, there is so much we'd like to do and see accomplished. As we look to the end of 2012 and the

opportunities of 2013, I am wondering if I might be so bold as to ask you to partner with us in several projects we'd like to accomplish this coming year? Here's how it stands now:

1. Please participate in the the **C&MA's [Year-End Offering for the Great Commission Fund](#)**. This is our main source of support and what keeps our family along with 800+ other units working among the least-reached peoples of the world. **Your participation in this will go a long way to help us throughout the year!**
2. **For the Music Room** This is the newest feature at the Grain of Wheat Center and is getting all kinds of use! The thing that we want our supporters to understand is that this room's intention is not simply to make pretty sounds. This room's primary intention is discipleship - and particularly discipleship of young men. We've been able to spend much quality time down there, playing guitars and talking about life and, ultimately, about Jesus. Believing young men spend time there with our staff applying Biblical truth to their emerging world-view. [Our Center's music ministry was even recently featured on the C&MA Website](#). We are seeing this as a great opportunity for ministry, but ... have a few more things we'd like to do to finish it out - and you can help! Here's our Music Room wish list:
  - *Two more microphones and stands (\$400)*

- A Cajun Drum (we plan to make this ourselves, but need to get the materials) (\$300)
- A good computer for demo recording (\$1600)
- More sound-proofing of the walls (\$500)
- Throw Rugs for the floor (\$200)

**We can finish up the Music Room with your help!**

**3. For the Library/Computer Lab** Our library and computer lab are seeing increasing use this year, and becoming a popular place for students to do their studies, school work and research. As our student membership increases, it is our goal that the library/computer lab become one of the most popular features in our center. With your help, we can make this an ideal place for student services and ministry. Here's the library "wish list":

- Replacement of a computer that was stolen (\$1200)
- More bookshelves (\$200)
- More Books in Mongolian (\$300)
- Part-time library staff (\$1500 - one year's salary, split between three people)

**We want to make the library/computer lab a restful and peaceful place for students. Your assistance in this will help a lot!**

**4. For General Grain of Wheat Center Projects** With the increased use of our Center, there are several items which have surfaced which we need to address. Cleanliness and security, especially during the winter time, are of paramount importance. We have had a couple of thefts take place in the Center, recently. So for the safety of our staff and our patrons, we wish to beef up security. Your assistance with these projects will be a huge benefit to the overall well-being of the Grain of Wheat Center.

- Security Cameras for all three floors and the music room in the basement (\$3000)
- Extra portable chairs for events (\$500)
- Salary for a part-time cleaning staff (\$1000 for a year of part time work)

**Your help with these projects will make the Grain of Wheat Center an even more secure and welcoming place for all who use its services!**

**5. The Patio Project** This is an idea that has been in works for some time now. It's our goal to pull the trigger on this in the Spring of 2013. Here's the vision: Imagine a cool summer evening in the 13th District of Ulaanbaatar (Okay ... most of you have never been here ... but work with me, people, work with me). Traffic is flowing past our center to and from the nearby open market. However, the Grain of Wheat Center/UBean Cafe and Roasterie things are relaxed. There are people sitting out on the deck, enjoying the summer evening. Live music starts up while families and young people sip their favorite beverage from the best coffee shop in the country. During the day, old men stop by for a chess match on our tables with built-in chess/checker boards. It's another summer evening at the Grain of Wheat! This could be our reality Summer 2012, with your help!

- The Patio Project (\$5000)

So there you have it! The Grain of Wheat Center Christmas list. If you are interested in directly supporting our center, a place that is becoming a lighthouse in Ulaanbaatar, you may do so by sending donations to either of the following approved accounts through your local Alliance Church, or directly through the links below:

[Anderson Work Special](#)

[Grain of Wheat Center in Ulaanbaatar](#)

If you wish to designate funds to any of the specific projects list above, please [contact us](#) and let us know what's coming and your specific designations.

Thank you for your support! Thank you for your partnership with us!

Have a blessed and joyful Holiday Season!