

## Khovd Aimag Jargalant County Nyamdorj - God is at Work in Prison



**V.E.T. Net veterinarian Batmunkh (Muugii) and teacher Nvamdavaa**

Christmas eve was a busy day for me. My husband Muugii had an accident and broke his collar bone earlier last year. He had it pinned for three months. God is good all the time, his bone had healed and he was scheduled to have the pin removed around Christmas time. We got him hospitalized and I was preparing a soup for dinner for him (here in Mongolia, our hospital food needs some upgrading and supplementation in order to keep the patients fully nourished). A prisoner who had been allowed to leave the local prison for a day, knocked on the door, he quickly handed me a piece of folded paper and disappeared.

The letter was from Nyamdorj whom I met in September, 2024 by a very unexpected incident. Nyamdorj is actually from Zavkhan Aimag. He committed a crime and

was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment in Khovd Aimag. He wrote: "It is very cold in here and soon the New Year quarantine will start so visits and parcels for me will be highly restricted for almost a month. You are the only one whom I know here. Would you help me to get warm boots and a winter coat? Hurry sister, you have two days until the New Year Quarantine."

I stopped cooking and started thinking of finding a way to help him. I had no money in my account. It was another week until pay day. I went searching Muugii's internet bank; and found ₮22,500 (about \$7). At the same time, I had a short list from Muugii of a couple of personal items he needed during his hospitalization. I had two men whose well-being depended on me that day. I decided that Muugii could wait. I needed to help Nyamdorj. I called his wife Amarsaikhan and she said she did not have money, would I call her mother in law? So, I called Nyamdorj's mother but she said that she had no money either. Besides they were in 700km away.

I prayed to God and called Munkh-Undrakh, a disciple of Muugii's. He came right away and I told him about the situation. He said he could help and we went to the local market to look for warm boots. The local market was Munkh-Undrakh's ground, everyone knows him. He went to the boot sellers and negotiated the price down. My older daughter lent me some money and we got the boots.

Then I went to the prison and there was another challenge waiting for me. According to the prison rules you cannot go visit the prisoner unless you are a relative. I was not his relative. When they asked me who I was I said that I am his sister. Well, in Christ, we are all brothers and sisters to each other. So, I said I was his sister and they let me in while Munkh-Undrakh stayed outside.

Nyamdorj was so thankful for the warm boots and I was glad that I got those for him. Then he shared with me about his life in prison. He said that he was doing fine. He wanted me to tell his family about his repentance of his mistakes in the past. I asked if he read the "True Gift of Love" booklet I had given him. He said: "Of course, I read and I understood that there is God. Can you bring me more books to read?" This request made my day and I rejoiced on the way back to my home. I got home and called his wife to share her husband's message. I shared with her how I got him boots and how her husband is surviving good in the prison; but the news did not excite Amarsaikhan. She replied so rationally: "Do not call me again about Nyamdorj. I do not want to hear about him anymore. My mother-in-law is wrongly accusing me for his imprisonment. It is not my fault that he is in prison. I am thinking of divorcing him."

This was a shock to me. I advised her to think calmly and be wise. This is a test for her faithfulness and loyalty to her husband. People have many friends when life is good. But when you fail and fall only true friends stay with you. I said to her, “Wouldn’t you want to be a true friend to your husband?”

I called Nyamdorj’s mother and told her my story of getting the boots but she did not sound like it mattered to her.

Three weeks later, I visited Nyamdorj again. Since Muugii was out of the hospital we went to the prison together. It was good to have a companion with me in the prison. This time we easily passed the security check point and had a longer time to visit with him. Nyamdorj was glad that we took him a homemade meal, Our Daily Bread devotional and a Bible. He was so grateful for these gifts. Muugii shared with him why Jesus had to come to earth. Nyamdorj listened to this message and we prayed for him that day.

You may be wondering how we met Nyamdorj and Amarsaikhan. They are neighbors of a Gift of Love recipient Suvdaa in Zavkhan Aimag, Telmen County. We gave her four sheep in 2018. Suvdaa and I knew each other since then. Later Suvdaa’s younger brother got a divorce from his wife and ended up in prison in Khovd. Since the two families both had their family member in prison in Khovd, they hired a vehicle to take them to Khovd which is 700km/434 miles away. Thus, Amarsaikhan and her mother-in-law, Selenge, came to Khovd and we hosted them during those days in September of 2024. Nyamdorj’s daughter came along with her mom and grandmother. I accompanied them in their way of finding the prison. Selenge visited with her son and went back to Zavkhan but Amarsaikhan stayed a few more days as she was allowed to have a longer visit with her husband in prison. During that time I shared about God with her and gave her a True Gift of Love booklet for Nyamdorj.

Thus, Gift of Love is bringing hope to people in western Mongolia. Thank you for all the support and partnership. You enabled Nyamdorj to say *“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*



**We took Amarsaikhan and her daughter to prison for a visit. Our sons Khashi and Shijir joined us on that trip.**

V.E.T. Net teacher Nyamdavaa (Nuda)



**Nyamdorj's family stayed with us in September, 2024. From the right: his wife Amarsaikhan, mother Selenge, Ambulance driver from Telmen County, V.E.T. Net veterinarian Batmunkh (my husband Muugii), V.E.T. Net teacher Nyamdavaa (it is me), and Nyamdorj's daughter.**