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Dear all,

Firstly, thanks to all of you who have sent us letters and cards, emails, kit-kats and other things, they have been so welcome! We are getting on well on the 'DTS' and making friends with the other students and staff at YWAM.

The teaching has continued to be very inspiring. We are also learning a lot about prayer and hearing the voice of God, which is exciting. Now the focus of teaching is less about our relationship with God and more about team building and working cross-culturally overseas. Vicki has had to get all the medical supplies for each team together plus put together a basic first aid course and teach it to all the team leaders this week, which has been fun. Work duties have continued with painting and decorating of parts of the Seamill Centre for Chris.

Each week we have a Bible study to do, a creative assignment and sometimes a book review to complete, as well as the lectures, worship, prayer and work duties! So it's a busy time. However, we have had a bit of time to enjoy some of Scotland's scenery, including a weekend in the highlands (near Ben Nevis) with 7 others. We had a great time together walking in the snow-capped mountains and pretending to be Mel Gibson in Braveheart! Vicki has also had the chance to go to a conference on healing (with David Pytches) and a seminar with Don Cormack about the Cambodian killing fields. We also went to a 'World Wide Message Tribe' concert (Christian dance music) in Glasgow and a number of young people became Christians after the concert. A member of our team prayed with a heroine addict who had been begging on the street before the concert and had been given a ticket. He was really moved by the concert and wanted to become a Christian and be free from his addiction at the end of the evening!

Our local 'outreach' has been helping out at 'Fusion', a weekly gathering of teenage groups from 3 churches. We have been teaching them songs, sharing stories and doing drama, dance and art workshops with them. Some of them are from quite difficult backgrounds, especially one 13 year old girl, who is being bullied at school and was recently set upon by a gang of older boys.



The Mongolia Team

Joelle, Elaine, Vicki, Chris
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Well, now to news about our forthcoming adventure - next week we are off to Mongolia! A team of 8 of us will be flying (with Aeroflot, via Moscow and Siberia) to Ulaan Baatar in Mongolia for 8 weeks where we will be working with a non-governmental aid organisation. We are not entirely sure what we will be doing as communication hasn't been very easy, but we will probably be involved in helping with the UN food distribution programme out in the Gobi Desert, as many of the nomadic Mongols are facing starvation following a particularly harsh winter. Vicki's nursing skills might also be needed in an orphanage and Chris may be working to plumb and wire a dairy! There will also be opportunities to help with church work.

We have been warned that it is going to be quite tough physically (temperatures of -20°C to 0°C and snowstorms anticipated in April) and the food will be a real challenge from the descriptions in the guidebooks!

We are hoping to bring our next newsletter direct from Mongolia –if the communications allow !!

Best wishes,

Chris Vicki xx

