

# "What in the World is Going On?"

"I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things." Isaiah 45:5-7

"What in the world is going on?" You have probably asked this question or a similar one more than once in the last year. We ask this question when we perceive that what is happening does not seem to square with our understanding of how things are supposed to be. It assumes there is a God, and that He has a plan and a purpose for our lives. It also assumes that present conditions seem to contradict that plan.

"What in the world is going on?" Some of the great men of the Bible asked this of God. When Job's life seemed to crumble, his family, flocks and wealth suddenly snatched from him by the cruel hand of fate, he pressed God for an explanation of what was going on in his world.

Job 23:1-5 says, "Then Job answered and said, Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me." Job was saying, "What is going on! I want to talk to God about this."

Habakkuk also questioned what God was doing when God informed him that He was about to chastise Judah by means of the cruel and wicked Chaldeans. You can read all about this in Habakkuk 1:12 thru 2:1.

In Psalm 73, Asaph confesses questioning what God was doing, coming dangerously close to accusing God of disregarding His promises. He could not understand what in the world God was doing by allowing the wicked to prosper and the righteous to suffer.

I believe at this point everyone of us could agree with Job, Habakkuk and Asaph. "What in the world is going on?" Between the pandemic, the election and the change in direction that our country is going through politically, we are all saying, "What in the world is going on?"

In each of these biblical instances, the question, "What in the world is going on?" was unanswered. God did not explain to Job why he allowed Satan to afflict him. Neither Asaph nor Habakkuk were given the explanation they sought. The focus of each of these men was redirected from the problems which perplexed them to God. Once they came to view their circumstances in light of who God is rather than seeing God in the light of their circumstances, they ceased to question God. They still did not know the plan-- "What in the world is going on?"--but they did know the Planner. That was enough. Knowing the Planner should be enough to answer our question also.

"What in the world is going on?" I don't know but I know the One who does! Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." I can't see how all this is working for His good, but I know it is. All I have to do is continue following His leadership and trusting His plan for my life. Proverbs 3:5 and 6 says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Oh that we would see God for who He is!



Your Missionaries to Mongolia, Jeff & Kimberly Kruchkow

## Still Printing

1 Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye <u>stedfast</u>, <u>unmoveable</u>, always <u>abounding in the work of the Lord</u>, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." This verse is what we want to be in Mongolia. Steadfast, unmoveable and abounding in the work of our Lord.

With all the restriction and lockdowns, God has allowed us to continue to print in the country of Mongolia. We may have to do it in a little different way than what is normal to us, but it is still getting done. Being up at two or three in the morning face timing with Mongolia is becoming our normal.

We have all heard so much about a "new normal." Matthew 4:19 says, "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This was their "new normal." The words "follow me" are found eighteen times in the New Testament. Each time it is God saying, follow me and I will show you a new normal.

We are continuing to follow our Lord and our new normal. Please keep Mongolia in your prayers.

## It's Time. We Need This Now!

It has become obvious to us that we need a digital press. We have a high demand for short run literature like Bible college curriculum, educational material, commentaries, etc. These materials are printed in runs of fewer than one



hundred pieces. To make this cost effective we need a digital press.

If you are interested in helping with this need, please email me at: batamissioninternational@gmail.com. The price for the equipment and supplies is ten

thousand dollars. Your help is needed. We have many small run job ready for printing. Please help with this project!

We are

AVAILABLE

to skype into your

Missions Conference!

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### WE HAVE A BLOG!

We would love for you to take a few minutes to browse through our blog and let us know what you think. New posts will be added to keep you updated. Hoping this will keep you informed on what is happening in Mongolia.

kruchkows.wordpress.com

## Prayer Needs!

- ❖ Pray for my father, Jerry Kruchkow. His wife of almost 70 years, and my mother, went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on January the first of this year. His heart is missing the love of his life.
- That we will be able to book meetings with churches while here in the States.
- Wisdom for the translation team as they translate the Old Testament into the Mongolian language.
- Wisdom and speed to raise the funds for the Building of HOPE!
- Funds for a digital press in Mongolia.
- For the restrictions to be lifted so we can fly back to Mongolia.
- Salvation for the Mongolian people as we print and distribute God's Word.
- The health and safety of the missionaries that are still in Mongolia.

### Praise The Lord!

Praise the Lord we were able to ship four large boxes of much needed supplies to our Mongolian pressman, Togsuu. The boxes were dropped off in Chicago on February 18th and arrived at the print shop twelve days later. What a blessing. Such fast and careful handling of our packages.

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