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MONGOLIA



FAQS

SIZE

Larger than Alaska

POPULATION

2,951,786

CAPITAL

Ulaanbaatar

LANGUAGE

Khalkha Mongol

RELIGION

Buddhist Lamaism

UPG'S

15



POP. IN CHICAGO

500-700

LOCATION

Uptown



VISIT

Hoi's

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In the thirteenth century, Genghis Khan formed one of the greatest empires in world history by uniting all of the nomadic Mongol tribes. During the centuries that followed, the once mighty Mongol empire was squeezed between the growing Russian and Chinese empires. In the early 1920's, Mongolia became a Marxist state until its quiet democratic revolution in 1990. In 2006, Mongolia celebrated its 800th anniversary.

The predominant religions of the country have been Tibetan Buddhism and Shamanism. Shamanists believe in the unseen world of gods, demons, and spirits. The people depended on the shamans, who were medicine men, to cure the sick by magic, communicate with gods, and control events. *Obos*, heaps of stones thought to be inhabited by local spirits, can be seen on almost every hilltop. **Pray against the strongholds of Buddhism and Shamanism which represent one of their few cultural gathering points.**

Mongolian immigration to the United States was extremely limited until the 1990's. The fall of Communism opened up new opportunities for travel and immigration. Most Mongolians come as students and have an immediate need to learn English. **Pray for Christians to help teach ESL to Mongolians, creating great opportunities to share the Gospel, as many are looking for friendships. Pray for contacts with Christians on college campuses.** Since most Mongolians are young adults and experiencing the freedom of Western culture for the first time, many struggle with immorality. **Pray that Mongolians will come in contact with Christian couples and become interested in what motivates them toward purity and meaningful relationships.**

NUMBERS 14:21

"But truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord."

