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MONGOLIAN SOC SCHOOL

by Joel Pledge



Pastor Joel Pledge
SOC Director

Our goal in Mongolia is to reach out to every region of the country with the School of Christ International. Sometimes, students travel thousands of miles to be with us, but we desire to

organize a local School for them.

As we prayed about this in the Spring of 2023, a former student contacted us and asked us to come to the country's eastern region where they ministered. She was beginning in the ministry when she attended the SOC in Muron, located in the western part of Mongolia. She was greatly blessed by her participation in the School and wanted to continue actively in the ministry. Now, eleven years later, she is asking the SOC to come to train in her area. Andrey Sekhin, SOC

Fieldworker, and I prayed about what to do as we have several invitations open to us in Mongolia. God led us to commit to Choibasan for a School.

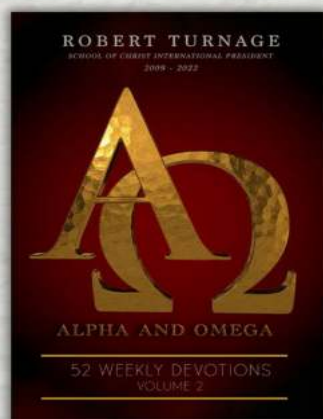
We hoped to have at least 25-30 participants in the Choibasan School, but over 50 showed up to attend. The local churches only have about 20 people each, and we were overjoyed by their response. This is indicative of satan's stronghold in the city. Human trafficking is very strong, and we soon realized that God had sent us here to break the devil's hold on this area.

Ultimately, 14 churches were represented, and over 60 students attended the SOC. Every day, there were testimonies of healing, deliverance, and renewal. Pastors often testified of their struggles and complacency. They testified that God renewed their lives, ministry, and marriages through the teaching of the School of Christ.

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Civil War Disrupts SOC In Myanmar



Andrea Sekhin
SOC Fieldworker

In 2021, the military government came into power. There have been continuous military operations in various parts of the country, military roadblocks, terrorist acts, and armed clashes. Things in Myanmar changed as we prepared the location where we planned to run an entire SOC School in Rakhine. We purchased bedding and food two days before the start date of the School for the fifteen pastors and fifteen leaders who were enrolled in the School. Civil unrest in Rakhine caused the military to block all cities and roads. Due to the road closures, the supply of food and gasoline stopped. The fifteen pastors were then unable to travel to attend the School.

Despite all the difficulties, we decided to move forward with the SOC School with the leaders from the three churches nearby. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully in the hearts of every student.

The students eagerly listened to the teachings of the School of Christ and were very responsive to the Word of God. We had an hour of individual prayer before and at the end of the day. It was very clear from the first prayer meeting that the students were putting their relationship with God in order that they might receive all that the Lord had in store for them.

At the end of the training, all the students were filled with the Holy Spirit and were determined to preach the Gospel to Buddhists and



Muslims. In the state of Rakhine, there is a very small number of Christians. Buddhism is the most prevalent religion, and a few Muslims. It is so wonderful to see how the Holy Spirit changes and strengthens ministers and workers through the School of Christ.

Thank God we could hold this School despite the war in this state. Thank God that people were inspired to serve the Lord! Thank you for supporting the School of Christ ministry!



Russian Youth SOC 2024

Praise the Lord for another great youth School of Christ. Ninety students attended this year's School of Christ in Karelia, Russia. We taught the series, Repentance, Faith, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was with us from

the very beginning. Hearts were moved to repentance and dedication. There were tears of joy as the Holy Spirit moved on each person. We are witnessing lives being changed. Thank you for giving to the School of Christ.



Mongolia...

The most incredible testimonies were of those who had lost hope in the Lord. The church in this region is only 20 years old and has a very small congregation. One woman had experienced the death of her son because of alcohol and drugs; we wept with her as we listened to the story of her despair. Then, we rejoiced with her as she reached that place where her faith was renewed and restored.

There were too many healings to report on all of them. One woman had severe pain from an untreatable illness.

On the third day, we prayed for her, and she went home. I thought nothing

happened, even though there was a tremendous anointing during the prayer time. But she returned the next day saying that she had woken up free from pain. Praise the Lord!

This School of Christ came at just the

young people in the community for the last two years. They believe it is time for them to plant a church! So, out of this School will come a new church to give new life to this community that desperately needs a spiritually alive church! Thank you for your giving to the School of Christ. This community has changed forever because you gave to the School of Christ.

When we return, we plan on going to the far South of Mongolia, to the Gobi Desert. There are small churches scattered around the region, and we plan on bringing life and liberty to everyone who studies with us.

Give and help us reach Mongolia with the Gospel!



right time. Our former student and her family have been ministering to

Brazilian Pastor & Former SOC Translator Passes Away



Lisandro Bacedônio

It was with heavy hearts that we received news on August 1, 2024, that our friend and Brother in Christ went to be with the Lord. Brother Lisandro Bacedônio served in the capacity as a translator for the SOC in Brazil and Japan alongside Brother Brian Larsen. Brother Lisandro was from the city of Viamão, Brazil, where he was ordained as a Pastor of the Assemblies of God. He graduated from the very first SOC held in his church in the year 2006, and by 2007 he was already making himself available to travel with Brother Brian Larsen as his translator from English to Portuguese. From about 2007 until 2013, Brother Lisandro remained an active member of the SOC in South America, being a vital part not only in the translation of the lessons, but also actively working in establishing contacts with Pastors around Brazil and Japan. He also assisted Brother Brian in the paperwork process of obtaining a religious visa for Brazil.

During Brother Lisandro's time of working with the SOC, we witnessed his love for the Lord, the calling and talents that God

had placed on his life, and his great desire for ministry. Because of his sacrifice in the missions work of the SOC, we witnessed many lives touched with the vision of Restoring the Message of Pentecost.

In 2013, Brother Lisandro felt the Lord leading him to focus on the local ministry of his home church and stepped down as the full-time translator. However, he remained a friend and supporter not only to the Larsen family, but also to the vision of reaching the world with the Gospel through the ministry of the SOC.

Brother Lisandro served since 2013 in many capacities of ministry, including becoming the Pastor President (District Superintendent) of the Assemblies of God in the city of São Marcos, RS – Brazil.

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to his wife, Sister Karine Bacedônio, his daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and his two sons. We pray that his life and legacy of faith in the ministry will be used to touch the lives of many around the world for the Kingdom of God!



Translator Lisandro Bacedônio (standing) with Founder B. H. Clendennen, Robert White, Adam Larsen and Brian Larsen teaching SOC in July, 2008.

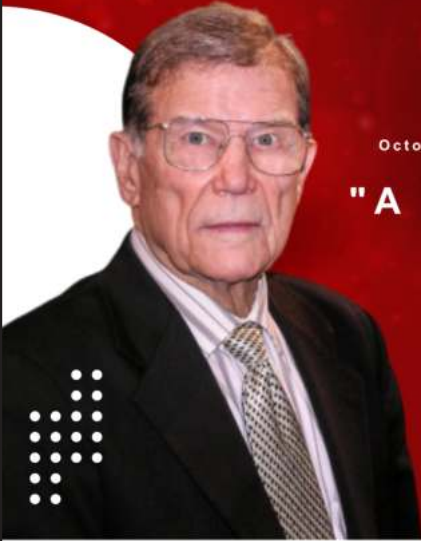


Translator Lisandro Bacedônio and SOC President Brian Larsen teaching SOC in July, 2023.

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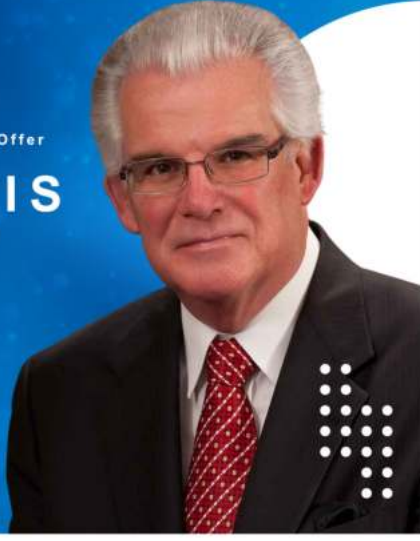
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