



# WORLD FOR KIDS

## FOCUS: Mongolia

### ➔ WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A PRZEWALSKI'S HORSE?

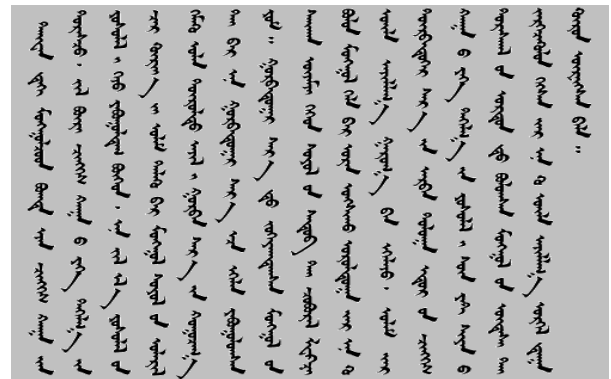
Wow! How did it get a name like that? Nikolai Przewalski (Prihz-VAHL-skee) was a Russian who explored many out-of-the-way places in Asia. In Mongolia he was given the skull and hide of a horse. Scientists confirmed they were from a wild horse, and the animal was named in Przewalski's honor.



These horses are the last descendants of an ancient species of wild horses. They started becoming rare when the steppes (grasslands) were gradually taken over by people who raised cattle and other farm animals.

Przewalski's horse has a thick neck and a large, short head. It has a straight back like a zebra, which would make it very difficult to ride. The mane stands straight up instead of falling to the side. Unlike other horses, they grow new manes and tails every year.

Since 1970, no one has seen these horses in the wild. There are only about 1300 of them alive today. Most live in zoos and wildlife parks around the world.



Ancient Mongolian Writing

### ➔ READING, WRITING, ARITHMETIC ...

Although many children travel with their nomad families, the government still wants everyone to get a good education. Even kids from herding families, go away to boarding school for several months at a time.

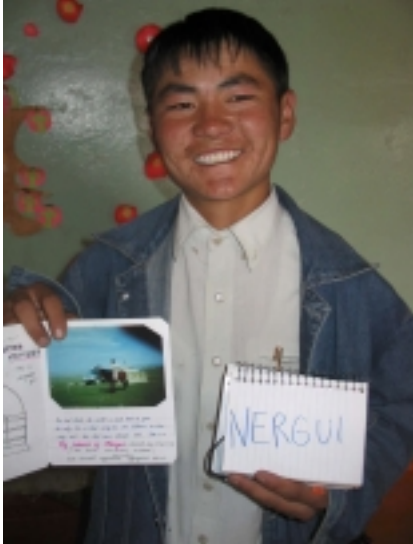
There are just over 700 schools spread out across Mongolia, but teachers in these schools have helped almost every single person in the whole country learn to read and write!

School is divided into morning and afternoon sessions. So, depending on their grade level, children attend either morning or afternoon classes. Many children go to a preschool until they are seven years old.

**Life with Jesus is the best life ... EVER!**

## ➔ GET THE FACTS

- Over 6.3 billion people live on this planet
- Over half of the people on earth are children and youth.
- Over half the people in Mongolia are youth.
- Only 1 in 100 Mongolian kids knows Jesus.
- Only a few hundred teachers are telling kids about Jesus.



## ➔ WHAT CAN KIDS DO?

**S - Show God's Love** -- Encourage teachers who work in Mongolia to keep on teaching children. Send them cards saying you are praying for them.

## ➔ A TASTE OF MONGOLIA

One of the most important Mongolian dishes is tea or tsai. Most Mongolian people drink their tea with salt, although some do use sugar instead. Try out the recipe below. You might like it.

### **Favorite Mongolian Children's Foods**

Just like us, Mongolian children have special foods that they enjoy! Some of their favorites are:

“**Boz**” (pronounced with a long “o”) - a steamed dumpling with meat inside

“**Hoshor**” - a fried, flat version of the “boz” with meat inside

“**Aaruul**” - a dried milk product

“**Suutei tsai**” - a drink made of tea and milk - with some salt added

*How about it - anyone in the mood for some fresh aaruul?*

### **RECIPE: Suutei Tsai (Salty Milk Tea)**

Make one cup of strong green tea, then add milk (about half a cup) and a little salt. This will give you the taste of traditional Mongol Suutei Tsai.



**Look up this Bible verse to fill in the blanks:**

### **Romans 10:14 NIV**

**How, then can they \_\_\_\_\_ on the one they have not \_\_\_\_\_ in? And how can they \_\_\_\_\_ in the one of whom they have not \_\_\_\_\_? And how can they \_\_\_\_\_ without someone \_\_\_\_\_ to them?**