



# WORLD FOR KIDS

## FOCUS: Mongolia

### ➔ WIDE OPEN SPACES

Over 3.3 billion kids will be born in the next 25 years.

For most countries around the world, all those new kids will lead to overcrowding. In Mongolia, though, there is lots of wide open space, so crowding isn't a problem. The word "Mongolia" means "blue dome". It refers to the wide, blue sky you see everywhere in Mongolia.

Some people say it reminds them of Montana, which is called the Big Sky Country.



### ➔ NO TELEVISION?

There are only about four televisions per 1000 people in Mongolia. What do kids do with themselves?

Mongolian children who live in the countryside learn to ride a horse at a young age, sometimes as young as three years



old. All kids help take care of the sheep, goats, cows and horses. They help milk animals, get water, and gather fuel.

### ➔ WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Mongolians normally use each other's given name ("first" name). They only use a second name if more than one person has the same name in the same room. In that case, the second name comes first -- and it is the possessive form of their father's name.

So if a person named Susan had a father named Frank, she would always be called Susan unless there were two people named Susan. Then, to avoid confusion, the longer name, "Frank's Susan" would be used.

What would your name be?

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

## ➔ GET THE FACTS

The average person makes only \$390 per year in Mongolia. This is barely enough pay for living expenses.

Some parents become depressed and turn to drinking when they do not have enough money. There are many alcoholic families in Mongolia. When parents become angry and abusive, some kids just decide to leave home and live on the streets.



## ➔ WHAT CAN KIDS DO?

**S - Share What you Have** -- to help teachers and Christian workers help needy children and their families in Mongolia. Keep praying for them, too.

## ➔ GUESS THE SPORTS ...

There are three favorite sports that Mongolians enjoy. They hold national competitions in these sports on July 11 every year at the National Naadam Festival. This is the anniversary of the 1921 Mongolian Revolution for independence from the USSR. The holiday is similar to July 4th in the United States.

Do you know what the sports are? Here are the scrambled words to give you hints. (*Find the answers upside down, below.*)

1) o s e h r      c r a g n i

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2) e r y a h c r

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3) g w n l e s r i t

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ANSWERS: horse racing, archery, wrestling

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

### 1 John 4:10-11 NIV

**This is \_\_\_\_\_: not that we \_\_\_\_\_,  
but that he \_\_\_\_\_ us and sent his \_\_\_\_\_  
as an \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice for our \_\_\_\_\_.  
Dear \_\_\_\_\_, since \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ us,  
we also ought to \_\_\_\_\_ one another.**