

# STEPPELAND DREAMING INITIATIVE

encouraging indigenous forms of liturgy and worship among the Tuvan people of Central Asia



a collaborative effort of Jesus People USA, Hope in Transit, & Heart Sounds International (OM Arts)

## September 2012 Update

*To every thing there is a season,  
and a time for every purpose under heaven*

Thank you so much to all who gave so generously this Spring and Summer toward our efforts to make a trip to Tuva. Though we raised a significant amount, it wasn't quite enough to finance a trip, and other unforeseen events turned our plans on their heads.

brian's father suffered a debilitating stroke in the late Spring, and after much thought, prayer, and discussion, we felt that the ministry of service God was leading us into in this moment was to relocate down to New Mexico to become the primary caregivers for brian's father. This required saying goodbye to Jesus People USA, our home and ministry of the last 2 ½ decades, and entering a state of limbo in regards to outreach in Tuva.

Though serving brian's family isn't as apparent a ministry as sponsoring a large music & arts festival outside of Chicago or advocating for indigenous rights and contextualization of the Gospel in Tuva, it is consistent with the spirit of service that Jesus exemplified. The radical change that the presence of God makes in one's life will be tangibly evident as we allow God's love to work through us in daily acts of kindness and compassion as caregivers.

**In addition to our move to Albuquerque, our eldest, Meghan, is studying physics at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO.**

**So, what of our involvement in Tuva? Despite plans of our direct involvement being on the back burner, our passion for Tuva remains strong. We trust that God has a plan for our involvement there, even if we can't see it clearly at this moment. Any monies that have been or will be sent to us for the work in Tuva will remain in our Hope in Transit account until we go. Additionally, we will continue to set aside a small percentage of funds raised to continue to support the work of our dear Tuvan sister Raisa.**

**We recently received word from Raisa that she is continuing to build up the church plant in Sukpak, a poor and crime-riddled suburb of Tuva's capital city, Kyzyl. In addition to the "yurt church" that was built there, Raisa has overseen the construction of a children's playlot and the founding of a substance abuse rehab facility. Raisa is hoping to add a house of prayer to the small yurt church. What a great vision this sister has! We are thrilled to see the burning desires of local, indigenous Christians (especially women!) getting put into action! We are very happy about her plans and will communicate our excitement and support. We trust Raisa will keep us updated as things unfold!**

**Amazing. Well, friends, you have plenty to pray about regarding all this. And we'll keep you posted as this adventure continues.**

**If you would like to support our future ministry in Tuva, go to:  
<http://www.uskhooimeizhi.org/Initiative/help.html>**

**Thanks for your support,  
brian, Leah, Meghan, Amelia, and Graeme Grover**



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