

# A Glimpse into Women's Influence in Mongolia



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The women's ministry of MEA (Mongolia Evangelical Alliance) has been implementing "the Mountain of Influence Movement" - a strategy to unite lay Christian leaders at the marketplace. The idea was first birthed in 2019 during the National Women's Forum where participants were organized into the Mountains of Family, Religion, Education, Media, Entertainment, Business and Government. Since then, the Mountain of Health (there are many Christian doctors and health workers) has been added making it a total of eight Mountains of Influence. Each group has a coordinator who is transitioning the work from voluntary ad hoc meetings into a more synergized effort to bring the Lordship of Christ into each Mountain.

Most MEA ministries were previously led by pastors and pastors' wives. However, with the abovementioned movement, lay people began to take up leadership. In particular, the Governance group coordinator started weekly prayer meetings in 2019 in order to pray for the Christian women leaders serving in the government. These prayer meetings were greatly appreciated by those working in that sphere, and have grown from initially 2 people to 14 members. They gather to pray every day for specific prayer requests. Great answers to prayers have occurred. For example, one Christian woman won a seat in the parliament and another is serving as an Advisor to the Prime Minister. In January 2021, the group also initiated monthly meetings among Christian women leaders serving in the government, state-owned enterprises and international organizations, and were able to invite speakers from all over the world to this event, including a former Advisor to the U.S President.

The prayer meetings and gatherings have greatly encouraged the sisters. First of all, they realized that they are not alone; secondly, the temptations they face are not new

and the Lord bears them all; thirdly, they learn to draw their strength from the Bible and Holy Spirit. We saw amazing transformations of lives among the sisters who now put on the armor of God to strengthen their positions, embrace their weaknesses and glorify God. They sense a greater purpose and calling. In the past, it was very difficult for women to be selected and appointed to high positions of decision making, but now, it is happening. In addition, the need to gather has become more apparent as they discover that high positions attract lots of attacks - both demonic and human - such as envy and temptations of fame. The sisters encourage each other with God's strength and resist temptations so that each is able to bear much fruit for God's glory.

The other groups are also growing. I personally desire to work with the Entertainment domain and understand the perils they face. We hope to further expand our work, to deepen the relationship between Christians and in the spheres that God has called them. With the Lord's help, the women in Mongolia aspire to adhere to the highest moral standards and be the light and salt to the world. ■

