# Ancient Traces, Changing Spaces, Modern Faces in Mongolia

# **Law Enforcement Academy**



### **Prison Rehabilitation in Utah**

- Assessments are done to determine an inmate's level of education, treatment and life skill needs.
- Employment options are based on privilege level within the prison system.
- Treatment programs in Utah
  - Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP)
  - Con-Quest for substance use
  - Help Offenders Parole Effectively (HOPE)
  - Ex-Cell for female offenders

 To sum up prison rehabilitation in Utah and most of the US is based on continuous treatment programs inside and after being released from prison.







# Prison Rehabilitation in Mongolia

#### SCHOOL FOR COURT DECISION EXECUTIONS

- Reunification of inmates with family members is the ultimate goal of prison rehabilitation.
- Ancestral influence is used to discourage drug and alcohol use.
- Keeping families together is the main focus.
- Alternative rehabilitation could be provided by a local NGO.















# NGO



















## Our Visit To The National University of Mongolia





University of Utah Students & Professors together with National University of Mongolia (NUM) Students & Professors.

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#### **Battogtokh- New Director of NUM SW Program**

- Explains that SW is an option of study that has only been available for approximately 25 years.
- Has a vision of change for the future of the Mongolian Program, asked if we would share how the SW program works in the U.S.

**Jerry** 

explains how U of U internship program is set up and the desired educational experience for students

Kim and Sha-Vonn sharing our internship experiences







### **NUM Student Questions & Comments**

#### Some interesting facts and realizations we had through conversation...

- Current NUM MSW program is a 2 year course where students receive 2 weeks of intern hours each year for a **total of 160 hours** for the program. While they have book study there is a lack of practical experience. Agencies complain students are not prepared. Students express a desire for more applicable experience.
- Comparatively U of U MSW program is also typically a 2 year program. Students receive over a **total of 1050 hours** over the 2 year period. Our internship is equal to the classroom aspect of learning, it is critical and represents the need for **experiential** learning.

NUM student explains they have a lack of social workers to support and train them and asks how this is addressed at the U???

- Field instructors need to meet minimum requirements, be licensed, have ongoing training. Collaboration and evaluation between University, field instructor, and student is provided.
- **Issues may arise** if problems continue to exist that relationship is terminated.



Recognition of Just One of our Supporters

# Learning Abroad, More than Just Traveling... An Enhanced Cultural Experience



When the bus won't quite make it...



New Friends along the way,

Glimpse of the Shaman cultural ritual.

# More of Mongolia, Experiential Learning...



Contortionist

**Throat Singer** 

# Presenting on Geriatric Social Work at the NUM



















### **Buddhist Monasteries**









# **Shamanism/Countryside**



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