

THE KHALKA MONGOL OF MONGOLIA

“Oh my goodness, Choimaa just entered the cafeteria,” exclaimed Erchenkorlo to her colleague Altangerel. “I do hope she doesn’t join us at our table. We can expect an hour-long talk on Christianity if she did!” “She has certainly changed ever since converting,” said Altangerel, grinning. “She keeps pestering me to join their religious meetings and gave me literature to read. Their religious book is called ‘The Book of Mormon’.” He continued: “I won’t say I’m religious but I still think it makes more sense for us **Khalka** people to be Buddhists.” “That’s true,” agreed Erchenkorlo. “Oh look, Choimaa is sitting down with Bayan. Poor Bayan.. there goes his lunch hour!”

With a current population of 1.95 million, the **Khalka Mongol** is the dominant group in Mongolia, controlling the nation’s political leadership. They keep detailed genealogies to prove they are the direct descendants of the famous Chinggis (Genghis) Khan, founder of the Mongolian Empire in the 13th Century. Their Khalka dialect is the main language of Mongolia. The **Khalka Mongol** regard themselves as the preservers of Mongolian culture. Some of them still lead traditional lifestyles, living in large *ger* tents, shepherding their livestock and migrating seasonally. However, many have moved to cities where they work in various industries and live in housing projects set up by the government. The **Khalka Mongol** are known for their generous and hospitable nature.

The **Khalka Mongol** blend their traditional shamanistic beliefs with Vajrayana Tibetan Buddhism. There are only a few Christians (1.7%) among them. A revival in Buddhism and the entry of cult groups such as the Mormons have added to the spiritual confusion amongst them.

- Pray that God’s Word and the Holy Spirit will stir them to accept Christ and know Jesus as their Lord.
- Pray against the spiritual deceptions seeking to enslave their hearts and minds.
- Pray that the few **Khalka Mongol** believers will be adequately disciplined and strengthened spiritually to be salt and light to their people.

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