



Interactive Adventure with

SKYLANDS

TIBETAN BUDDHIST PEOPLES



INTRODUCTION

Along with an OMF gospel worker and two Mongolians, you are about to go on an incredible adventure. As you set out into the harsh horizon in your 4x4, your aim is to document various ministries in the northern areas of Mongolia and pray for the Tibetan Buddhist Peoples.

Beyond the hustle and bustle of rapidly developing Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's plains stretch out before you in every direction. For miles, there is nothing but the mountains that punctuate the distant horizon. The temperature is beyond freezing. There's snow, wind, and your tyres keep getting stuck in the muddy ice.

After driving for 4 hours, your crew reaches an impasse. There are two possible ways forward. To the right, there seems to be a road that goes up a mountain in the general direction you're headed, but it's covered in deep snow. Straight ahead, the road continues, but there seems to be a partially frozen river you have to cross.

What will you do?

Turn Right (go to decision card 2)

Continue Straight (go to decision card 3)

DECISION CARD 2

You chose to turn right, but after only 10 minutes of driving, your tyres start spinning. Your car is stuck in the deep snow. You can barely open your door to get out. The wind is howling, and the snow is being whipped off the ground. You can hardly feel your fingers. After an hour of digging and pushing, the four of you finally get the car unstuck, and you continue on your journey. With no roads and no directions, you feel a heightened sense of dependency on God.

Just when it appears that the journey has got a little better, when the snow is more patchy and ground more level, a horrible bump is felt inside the vehicle. The bottom seemed to fall out of the world for those travelling in the back. Something has just gone seriously wrong!

The four of you step outside again, and it quickly becomes clear just how badly wrong. The left rear wheel is sticking up at an awkward 45 degrees to the road. With the rear bumper close to the ground, the vehicle looks just as forlorn as the four of you who stand gazing at it. The temperature is around -20C.

You watch as your companions jack up the car to investigate the extent of the damage. Knowing nothing about cars, you feel a bit helpless. Your Mongolian friend seems to be collecting yak dung to build a fire that will keep everyone warm.

What will you do?

Help collect yak dung (go to decision card 4)

Get back in the car and pray (go to decision card 5)

DECISION CARD 3

You chose to continue straight ahead and cross the partially frozen river despite not knowing how deep it is. The driver begins into the river slowly. You hold your breath, not knowing if it'll be your last, and say a prayer. After what seemed like the longest 15 minutes of your life, you're finally on solid ground again, and the four of you continue on your journey. With no roads and no directions, you feel a heightened sense of dependency on God.

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DECISION CARD 4

You manage to help collect enough dung to build a fire, keeping you and your team warm.

Once it is possible to assess the damage from underneath, the problem becomes all too obvious. Part of the suspension has sheered. Attempts are made to fix it. However as time wears on, it is plain that with a limited selection of tools, it is not possible to make the required repairs. Your plans to travel onward are thwarted. So the band decides that there is nothing to do but to head back to a nearby village. It is a long, cold walk.

When you finally get to the village, the four of you discuss what to do next. You could either find someone to help repair the car so you can continue on your journey, or find someone to take all of you back to Ulaanbaatar since it doesn't seem wise to continue on in these dangerous weather conditions.

What will you do?

Repair the car (go to decision card 6)

Head back to Ulaanbaatar (go to decision card 7)

DECISION CARD 5

You add weight to the vehicle as it is being jacked up; frustrating your team members. The added tension does not help the already tenuous situation. You decide to wait and pray outside as your Mongolian friend builds the fire with yak dung, and your other team mates work on the car.

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In a much felt answer to prayer, there is a welder in the village and he agrees to help fix the car.

In traditional Mongolian fashion, the welder's family welcome you and your team into their yurt for food and drink. Out here, offering hospitality comes as naturally as breathing. Getting in from harsh conditions to steaming tea and a warm stove is a very welcome experience after many miles cooped up in a 4x4.

In the course of the evening, an opportunity to share the gospel presents itself. There are no churches in the village and given the distance between villages here, there may not be any other believers for a hundred miles. No one would be able to follow up or disciple them when the four of you leave.

You and your companions look at each other. With the help of your translator, you could explain the gospel to the whole family as everyone sits together around the yurt (after all, this may be one of the only opportunities the family will hear the good news). But it's also getting late, and the family look like they're getting tired and are gathering things ready for bed.

What will you do?

Share the gospel anyway (go to decision card 8)

Wait until the morning and help get ready for bed
(go to decision card 9)

DECISION CARD 7

You find someone who can take you back to Ulaanbaatar tomorrow, but you will have to find somewhere to stay the night tonight.

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DECISION CARD 8

In spite of everything, you share the gospel with the family. Even though no one else seemed interested, the daughter decides to follow Jesus right then and there!

Was this what this adventurous trip was really all about? Were the 3000 miles of arduous travelling just to share the gospel with this one family? To see this one girl put her trust in the good news and give her life to Jesus?

After tonight, whether you continued on your journey tomorrow didn't even seem to matter any more. You pray quietly under the covers before dozing off to sleep...

Lord, you know how rare an opportunity it is for nomadic peoples to hear the good news of your kingdom. Please send more workers into your harvest field.

Lord, you know how difficult it is for believers to gather together for worship and be discipled in their faith. Please strengthen and encourage them with your Holy Spirit.

Lord, you know the harsh conditions of the Mongolian plains. Please protect your workers and locals who must move around to find fresh pastures for their livestock in extreme seasons of weather.

Finish

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DECISION CARD 9

At breakfast the next morning, conversations from the night before continues. Despite the hustle and bustle of preparations for a busy day ahead, another opportunity to share the gospel arises. To your surprise, the daughter decides to follow Jesus!

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Whether you continued on your journey now didn't even seem to matter any more. As the four of you jump into the family's car with your host, you smile out the window and pray quietly by yourself...

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