

The Boys' Prison Success



During 2007, 60 boys aged between 14-18 years attended our classes, which are taught in conformity with the formal education curriculum laid down by the Ministry of Education.

These subjects include reading, writing, arithmetic, Mongolian language, computer skills and certified bakery courses. In addition to the academic subjects, competitions were held in the boys' prison in poetry, essay writing, singing, the performing arts and sports.

CNCF teachers were able to nominate pupils for "Freedom Days" as a reward for academic achievement and personal development. On the recommendation of the teachers and the prison director, the prison authorities deducted 1900 Freedom Days from the boys' sentences. This is about 32 days per boy less time served.

When boys are released from prison CNCF helps them to continue to study and also helps them to readjust to society. The teachers visit the boys' homes and they have the opportunity to receive vocational training. This reduces the temptation for further criminal behaviour which they often use to survive their difficult and extremely poor lives. Two boys who were transferred to the adult prison while studying accountancy also continued to receive support.

Success for Myagmarsuren

Myagmarsuren was imprisoned for killing another person in self-defense in 2002. He had little previous education, but worked very hard with the CNCF teachers. As well as the teaching the boys got free books and stationary, and some clothes and shoes.

While in prison Myagmarsuren started to study accountancy, with the help of the CNCF teachers. When he reached 18 he was moved to Toosgo Adult prison with another boy called Khos-Orgil, who had also studied hard. The teachers of CNCF still came once a week to help them and arranged for them to be released from prison to sit their exams, which they passed with honors.

CNCF helped Myagmarsuren to get an early release. He is now attending college and sees a bright future ahead of him.