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EUGENE RESIDENT HEADS TO MONGOLIA TO HELP CHILDREN

Local Non-Profit Founder is Moving to Mongolia to Expand Work Which Supports Education in Mongolia

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Jonathan Renich, Founder and CEO of Edurelief, a non-profit organization based out of Eugene, Oregon is moving to Mongolia. Two years ago, Renich returned from spending his summer volunteering in rural schools and communities in Mongolia. After seeing the difficulties that children there faced to simply receive a basic education, Renich was determined to make a difference.

Motivated by his months spent in Mongolia and with help from a group of University of Oregon students, Renich founded Edurelief, a non-profit organization who's purpose would be to raise awareness and funds to support education in Mongolia. Targeting university campuses and local businesses, Edurelief has helped nearly 4,000 children in the past two years, buying textbooks for students, stocking school libraries, and supporting Mongolian teachers in rural areas. It's been a great start, but Renich feels there is much more to be done.

"It has been amazing to see what has been accomplished thus far through the help of local community members and students. Education is something we take for granted here, we have well stocked libraries, good schools, and well paid teachers, but this isn't the case in Mongolia," says Renich. "I think it's unfair that simply because Mongolia has had a difficult past that its children would be denied the chance to learn and grow."

With that in mind, Renich and his wife have decided to spend the next few years in Mongolia to continue expanding projects across the country with the goal of giving as many children as possible access to quality education. More information about Edurelief and its program can be found at www.edurelief.org

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