



China Vision Trip

中國短宣

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I would like to start by thanking everyone who participated in this trip with me with through prayer, financial support, or words of encouragement. This trip would not have been the same without you. The trip was organized by an agency called GoLiveServe. It sends and supports tentmakers to China's cities. It also organizes short-term mission projects such as this one.



We went to a high school in a rural part of in-land China to hold an English summer camp as a way to provide education and cultural exchange to the locals, and in doing so sharing the Christian message and life.



The place we went was a small touristic town. The locals appeared to live in comfort and contentment, but as far as we knew there was no Christian presence, no church, no gospel being shared. They locals might have some material wealth, but we found out they had a lot of unanswered spiritual questions, superstition and insecurity. Our team might very well be the first Christians that they encountered. It was our hope that if we could only help them to know that Christianity is good and is for them too, it could seem like great progress.



**Sharing Christianity in a country where freedom of speech was very limited was tricky. We had to be constantly on the lookout to avoid using sensitive words or actions. Working with high scholars was even trickier because they are minors, and we could not proselytize to minors.**



What we did was through education and cultural exchange, we shared our Christian culture and truth. We did workshops on the origins of Christmas and Thanksgiving. We creatively used our lessons to open up spiritual discussion and, when the opportunity came, share our faith. We couldn't ask the students openly to receive Christ, but we could show them who we were as Christians and how we were reconciled with God. We were not trying to hide our faith; we just had to be wise in communicating it.



Throughout this trip, some of the biggest takeaways were the power of prayers, God's love, and God's wisdom. We encountered a lot of challenges right from the start. My co-teacher got really sick few days before we had to teach. On the first day of the camp, we found out that the school planned one more day of the camp than we originally planned, so we had to come up with an additional day of lesson while adjusting to jet lag, local weather, environment and food. The food was too spicy for most of us, and we had to be very careful about sanitization. However, later we were more used to the food, we found that it was actually very flavorful.







We were there to teach, but not many of us were professionally trained ESL teachers. We all had some teaching experience but not necessarily with Chinese high scholars. But it is with all the challenges overcome that I experienced the power of prayer and the love of God. My co-teacher recovered to teach with me; the camp went excellently, receiving gratitude and positive feedback from teachers and students; despite not being professional ESL teachers, we connected with the students well and had an impact on their life. A good portion of the students and teachers knew we believed in God and they still welcomed us.



I also gave a professional workshop with Christian values to the teachers and parents of the school. I was concerned that I would be so nervous that I would regress to a nervous high scholar in front of teachers and parents older and more experienced with kids than me.

But the workshop went beautifully even though it was conducted in Mandarin Chinese. I connected with my audience as a professional and left an impact on them. The experiences told me not only how much God loves us to empower us to do His work, but also importantly how much God loves the people we serve to use us in spite of our weaknesses





Throughout the trip, we also got a glimpse of God's wisdom in orchestrating each member of the team to be on this trip. For example, we had a doctor on our team who was able to provide some preliminary diagnoses of some locals regarding their vision; we had a native Chinese with us to help negotiating and taking care of logistics; I as a psychology student got to sit with some of the more personal mental health issues of the locals and helped them through psycho-education and empathic listening. Overall, by God's grace, the team worked together with remarkable unity and bore witness for the locals how the love of God binds us as one family.



**We have built some friendships that we are following up with even now. We would appreciate continual prayer regarding future influence through those relationships.**

