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[CHINA HORIZONS NEWSLETTER]



Lawrence & Quincy out to eat with some teachers from their school



A couple of my students before class

NEWSLETTER TITLE CONTEST

The mind behind the winning name will receive a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble book store!

The China Horizons newsletter needs a name! It needs the kind of name that only the smartest, most intelligent people (aka, you the readers) could conjure up. We hope to create more than just a newsletter, but a way for people to stay connected and share stories, experiences, pictures, and China. The newsletter is a way to stay up-to-date and connected with past, present and future teacher, as well as friends, family, and anyone else interested in China Horizons. The newsletter now needs a great name. Something fun. Something that really shows the personality of China Horizons, the newsletter, and China as a

whole. Anyone is eligible to offer their mental genius in coming up with a fun and appropriate title, and to jump-start those fires of creativity, the mind behind the winning name will receive a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble book store! The China Horizons Advisory Board members will select from the names submitted the one that best fits the image of the newsletter. You can submit a name by either posting it to the [China Horizons Facebook Page](#) or by emailing Newsletter@chinahorizons.org. You must submit your newsletter name by May 25th, so you only have two weeks to get those creative juices flowing!



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MEET THE HARLANS

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Jacob Harlan and his wife Kathrine have been living in Hunan, China for the last year along with their five-year-old son, Riley, and one-year-old daughter, Emma. Jacob founded China Horizons nearly seven years ago after returning from a year teaching experience with Kathrine. Having met in 2001 in Chinese class, of all places, they were married nearly a year later, and arrived in China about four weeks after that.

As English teachers, without support from any agency or even curriculum structure, the Harlans were initiated to Chinese culture by about 2,000 middle school students—a fun and very demanding challenge.

Jacob and Kathrine returned home to finish degrees in Business Management and Economics, respectively, and recognized that there was a growing interest in China and her people. China Horizons was born. Jacob has arranged teaching positions every semester since the fall of

2003. New groups of teachers arrive for the semester programs during August and February and during July for the short 2-3 week summer camps.

China Horizons has grown continually, and in the spring of 2009, the Harlans—now with two children—made plans to move to China in order to become more involved with the teachers and schools there. Jacob has frequent contact with CH teachers and their school leaders to ensure each teacher has the best possible experience. Living in China is a unique and enriching experience, difficult at times, but filled with learning, love, and making memories. Plus, the Harlans now get to meet all the teachers and hear their crazy stories! As a family in China during the last year, they’ve been able to visit many beautiful places, but their favorite destination (besides just living the simple life in Xiangtan) is a trip to Yangshuo to stay in the Bamboo House Hostel and float down the Yulong River in a bamboo raft.



CHINESE CORNER

GREETINGS



Hello

你好
(nǐ hǎo)

hello

早好
(zǎo hǎo)

good morning

晚好
(wǎn hǎo)

good evening

Q: 怎么样?
(zěn me yàng)

How's it going?

A: 不错 / 还行
(bù cuò / hái xíng)

Not bad / OK

很高兴认识你!(hěn gāo xìng rèn shi nǐ!) - **It's very nice to meet you!**

Greetings

Q: 你叫什么名字?
(nǐ jiào shénme míng zi)

What is your name?

A: 我叫____
(wǒ jiào ____)

My name is ____



What is the best thing you have eaten so far?

I'm loving the pineapple here. I have never liked pineapple before but here it's so good.

-Kiley King



Tomato and egg of course! Ice cream is a necessity too!

-Savannah Olmstead

I absolutely LOVE bamboo shoots. My life simply wasn't a life until I had bamboo shoots and eggs :)

-Quincy Zimmerman



FRIED RICE CAKES! They are sweet and taste best warm! Crisp on the outside and sticky on the inside

-Nora Evans



The best thing I have eaten so far was a round ball that had been fried with some kind of fruit filling.

-Cierra Van Leeuwen

It was called brown sauce beef with celery and rice; I ate it in a city called Zhengzhou

-Parker Abegg



Fried noodles with lots of veggies. It might not be anything too exciting, but I LOVE it.

-Shelby Woodhouse



What is a lesson you have learned about yourself from the Chinese culture

I have surprised myself a few times by doing things I didn't think I would ever be able to do! Being in China I have learned I can do anything if I have a positive attitude. Being able to laugh at your mistakes is so much more fun than worrying about something that you can't change.

-Mariah Bitter



Mariah sitting in front of a pagoda

Everyone is very kind and helpful. My students will go out of their way to help. I think I can easily learn the value of serving others, even when we might not know them very well. When I look back on my experience here, I want to remember how much the acts of kindness shown to me by the people here helped me, and that I will be more inclined to do the same for others when I go home.

-Leilani Auwen



Leilani checking out the Terracotta Warriors

Don't stress the little things in life, but be grateful for what you have. If I can't fix it I try not to stress out about it. It is always better if you try to look for the positive side of things

-Cierra Van Leeuwen



Cierra + Shelby + Quincy + Lawrence + Nikki





Adorable Chinese girl
(not Parker)

I can do almost anything on my own. I know I can get by in almost any situation, especially when traveling. Even if I don't have a place to stay or don't know how I am going to get home, I have been able to find a way.

-Parker Abegg



Shelby with some of her
students

I like to know exactly what I am doing and when I am doing it. However, the Chinese tend to fly by the seat of their pants and somehow everything still gets done. Maybe I stress too much about knowing.

-Shelby Woodhouse



Kiley with a few of her
students

Being in China has made me realize how much I have to be grateful for. It's been a humbling experience for me. I have learned more from my students than I could ever teach them. I have defiantly learned to be more flexible. Nothing is ever planned here and if it's planned it's bound to change.

-Kiley King





OUR BEIJING ADVENTURE

Mao Zedong once said, "If we fail to reach the Great Wall, we fail to be heroes." We are now heroes, for we have reached the Great Wall. Beijing was our destination of choice for this May holiday. This adventurous weekend was one that will not be forgotten. Along with trekking the wall, we have many stories to share. Not only did we get lost multiple times, but we enjoyed the Beijing environment when we were denied entrance to our hostel which required us to sleep in a park. After hours of walking, we discovered Tian'an

men Square, the Forbidden City, the Olympic sites, and multiple haggling markets. We dined like kings and a queen with some of the Beijing Peking Duck, a buffet atop the old CCTV tower, and some unforgettable dunkey sandwiches. Some other notable moments: death threatenings if we didn't return to one store with the sky, Christina haggling her way to a 5 Yuan Chanel wallet, Kurt and Jimmy being de-belted by the silk market employees,

Marc despite suffering from Asian Fever, continues to find daily Chinese girlfriends, and lastly, being physically forced into a crowded seven hour train ride.



mmmm Crab. Kurt Eating some crab in Beijing



Marc in front of the Birds Nest in Beijing



CHINA TRIVIA

Shelby & Cierra in front of a pavilion



In China which direction should the gate to your house or building face for good luck?

About how many Terracotta Soldiers are found at the Tombs in Xi'an?

Lanae hanging out with some of her students



You can check out the answers to the trivia questions and so much more on the [China Horizons Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/chinahorizons)





Karla & Adam & Mike & Lanae on Victoria Peak, HK



Some of my students jammin' out at English Corner

OUR PICTURES FROM CHINA



Opening Banquet at Linyi School



Some of my students at the Daoxian School



Leilani & a student



