



THE FRIED NOODLE

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Quincy & some of her students

A NEW NAME

It's official! The new name for the China Horizons Newsletter is **"The Fried Noodle."** The credit goes to Doug Webster for this creative entry. But we'd also like to extend our appreciation and thanks to all those who took the time to submit their own ideas. We received a wide assortment of names to choose from, which made choosing just one, a difficult

task. As always we hope that you enjoy the fun and exciting stories that our teachers share from their time in China. This month's edition of *The Fried Noodle* highlights the teachers approaching the end of the semester and preparing to return home, reflecting on how living in China has changed them.

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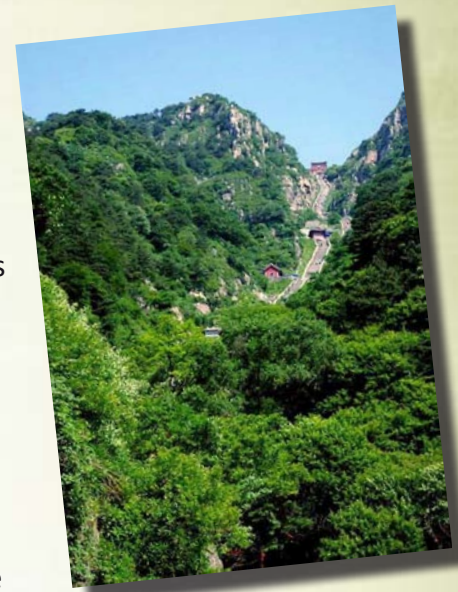
Among the entourage of Asians, all eager to summit the infamous Tai Shan, 4 young naïve but highly, utterly, and indispensably attractive Americans set foot on an adventure that would test their stamina and ability to operate on negative amounts of sleep.

Tai an, a dumpy city, gazes upon the beautiful backdrop of Tai Shan where locals and foreigners alike flock to participate in an occurrence that graces the planet every morning – the sunrise!

The adventure started with a lost Joel in the city of 5.5 million people. The arrival at a different bus station set the stress level high for young Joel. Luckily a trusty Lonely Planet found him and guided him to a welcoming Dicos for a meal and a reunion with his dearest friends Marc, Christina, and Kurt. Preparations for the ascent sent our young group meandering through an unknown land in search for provisions- water, fruit snacks and chips. Rule of thumb- Don't plan a trip during Dragon Boat Festival week!

With food packed, spirits high and money out, we entered the enchanting landscape of Tai Shan. The trail was littered with tourist stops selling random toys, walking sticks, flashlights and other small and semi useful gadgets- all of which would probably break in two minutes. We successfully stayed clear of all eager sellers, though the allure of commercialism set its mark upon Marc after paying 15 Yuan

for three bottles of water. The hike was tough requiring many breaks but all were of good morale as we continued on the climb. With each flight of steps another appeared and it seemed that the task before us would never cease. At last at 2:30 am we summited victorious overlooking the journey upon which we embarked 6 hours previous. The sunrise awaited us as we lay prostrate on stone benches wishing for sleep. The 7000 steps leading up to the peak made for a deserving repose, enveloped in over-used, sweaty, stench-filled, and crunchy green communist coats in which I am sure many have died.



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The rays of the sun opened our eyes at the first sign of light. . At 4:30 in the morning the sunrise gave energy to all who had sauntered over the 7.5 km to be granted sight to a splendid phenomenon. Upon the serene mountain top I thought to myself how beautiful this country is and how grateful I am that I could see part of it. The trip was well worth the effort and many lasting memories were formed.



FASHION SHOW



Looking good with that hat!



Nice bandana

I taught my students what different items of clothing are. I brought a lot of my own clothing for them to see and try on. It was so funny. As most of you know, Chinese students are super shy, so getting them to volunteer for anything is impossible. But when they finally did, they thought it was so funny. Girls are more difficult than boys to get to volunteer so all my accessories and clothes ended up on boys, which made the class

even more entertaining. I love these students and I am dreading saying goodbye to them. They mean so much to me. They aren't just students anymore, but they have become lifelong friends!

-Quincy Zimmerman



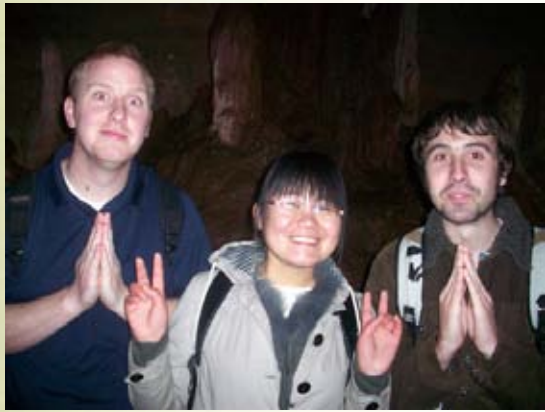
Model Pose!



Waving nihao to his fans



CHINA TRIVIA



How many square feet are in the Forbidden City?

In what Dynasty was the Forbidden City first built?
Who was the Emperor who started construction?



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)

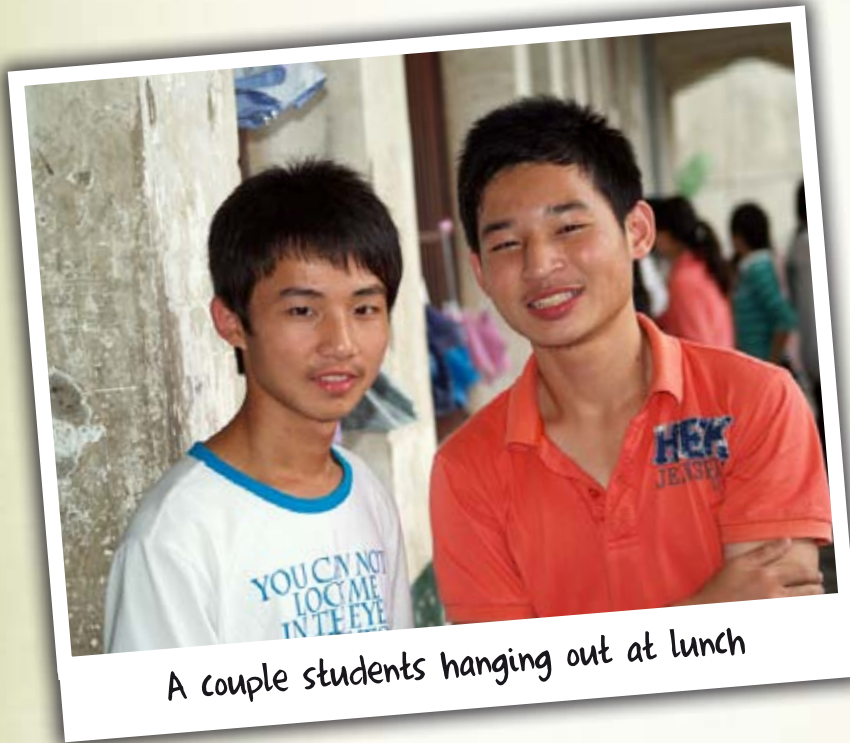


Q&A with Savanna & Cierra

Looking back now on your semester in China, how have you changed?

Being in China has opened my eyes to all the many things I have been blessed with, and all the opportunities that are readily available to me. This experience has really taught me more about myself and has shown me that I really can do anything I want to!

-Savanna Olmstead



A couple students hanging out at lunch

What is one of your most favorite memories of China?

Mariah and I jumped onto a city bus one weekend to see where we'd end up. We found ourselves lost an hour outside the city. A girl we met on the bus invited us back to her home for dinner, then invited us stay the night. We met this girl's family and shared their shared lives for a few days, all because a girl was willing to open up to us and befriend the two crazy foreigners!

I really learned a lot about the Chinese people that weekend by making a little effort to get out and into real life.

-Savanna Olmstead

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Looking back on this semester I realize how much I've changed. I used this opportunity to change those things that needed work in my life. I am more positive, I don't stress about the little things, and I am getting better at communicating my ideas. I used to never give a straight answer! I think it is a must to set goals while you are here in China.

-Cierra Van Leeuwen



CHINESE CORNER

THE TAXI

Directions

左边 (zuǒ bian) - **Left Side**

右边 (yòu bian) - **Right Side**

前面 (qián miàn) - **Up Ahead**

左拐 (zuǒ guǎi) - **Turn Left**

右拐 (yòu guǎi) - **Turn Right**

Talking to the Driver

师傅 (shī fu) - **Driver**

去这里 (qù zhè lǐ) - **I want to go here (show address on paper)**

我要去 (wǒ yào qù _____) - **I want to go _____**



WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT MYSELF

I have learned patience, not only from teaching, but also from living with my best friend. Sometimes I wanted to kill her.

I have learned not to judge different cultures. There are things about the Chinese culture that would be considered rude in America. For a long time things like; people expecting a certain amount of my time whenever they decide to pop in, and knock on my window instead of my door really frustrated me. Now I realize some things I do probably frustrate the Chinese and I have no idea.

Growing to understand the cultural differences has been incredibly rewarding. I just needed to learn to be patient, be slow to judge, and be open-minded.

-Shelby Woodhouse

Some of my favorite memories of China are:

- The times when my students would come over and teach me how to cook Chinese food.
- Staying up late with the other teachers swapping crazy China stories.
- Having Chinese dresses custom made in Yangshuo.



Shelby outside the Buddhist Temple on top of Yangming Mountain



Shelby and Cierra on the Great Wall!



FACEBOOK DISCUSSIONS

"TOP 3" Favorite places to visit in China

YANGSHUO



1. Zhangjiajie
 2. Fenghuang
 3. Moon Caves in Dao Xian
- Cierra Van Leeuwen (Winter 2010)**

HUANGSHAN



1. Yangshuo
 2. Yellow Mountains (Huangshan)
 3. Hiking Great Wall (Jinshanling to Simatai)
- Jacob Harlan (Director, China Horizons)**

SHANGHAI



1. GUILIN!
 2. Shanghai
 3. Suzhou
- Katie Wilson (Winter 2008)**



All time WORST lesson plan

The school gave me a book to use and I tried teaching out of it in the beginning... It did no good. After that I just came up with my own topics and the students liked it a lot more.

-Shelby Ann Woodhouse (Winter 2010)



My studentes HATED the 'Emotions' lesson. Maybe my students were too advanced for it, but they were bored out of thier cute little Asian minds!!

-Amber Bingham (Winter 2009)



I tried to teaching them how to make a resume....not fruitful

-Kylie Fly Turley (Fall 2008)



Shelby on top of a water-fall



lanae & some cute kids



Sam & Maddie at Cierra's birthday party

MORE PICTURES FROM CHINA



The Dragon Boat Festival

