

## **China Report**

Diane and I lived with our daughters, Hope and Faith, in mainland China and Hong Kong for 6 years in the 90's. It has been on my heart since January to return for a visit. When we received an invitation, we jumped on it even though the timing wasn't the best squeezed between two other trips.

### **SW China**

Seattle to Beijing (drop the books we brought) and on to Chengdu: We went to the Panda reserve on Diane's birthday. The next day it was drizzling rain when we arrived at the airport in X. Cheap skates that we are, we refused to pay for an expensive taxi so we dragged our luggage across the parking lot and waited in a bus. Finally a lady bargained with us for an unmarked taxi. When we neared town, a police car stopped our taxi and arrested the driver! They put us in a car and took us to our hotel. Free ride! (Don't need the thrill - next time we'll pay for a legal one.)

### **Friends**

X is no more a frontier having doubled in population and acquired a Walmart! The mountain towns wait for messenger. Diane and I climbed 6,000 steps to the top of the Mt. above the village where we used to live.

Our friends in foreign affairs took pictures of us and put them on the police internet site with a nice write up about our visit to the city. So much for our attempt at low profile.

What a joy to find friends from a decade ago that are still serving the Lord.

### **NE China – The Main Thing**

We took the overnight train to Chengdu (hard sleeper tickets – 3 beds on each side of the 'room' open to the hall) Faster and better train than 10 yrs ago except with delays it took the same time!

Four hundred undergrad and post grad students from 54 countries gathered for 3 days of glorious worship and fun. I shared 3 nights on their theme 'One Thing is Needful' from Luke 10:38-42.

Highlights: 25 made first time commitments to Christ, 7 dunked in our hotel room bathtub, many filled with the Spirit, and uninhibited praise and worship.

### **Prayer**

Still huge needs for materials and ministry in China. We have no plans but a desire to go back.

1. I am 'tired' having made 4 trips to Asia and one to Europe in the last 11 months.
2. Holy Spirit direction: We receive many requests, but where do we invest our time and resources?
3. Thank you for continuing to prayer support. We marvel at how God speaks to the people who fund our expeditions of faith,

### **Dennis and Diane**