

Presbyterian Heritage Discovery in China

Greetings to our friends and supporters. Thank you for following our China Trip blog through our periodic updates.

We would like to provide one final view of the China trip through the camera lens. We hope you enjoy these images of China, a unique yet inspiring place of Christian heritage.



This beautiful church was taken over by the government during the Cultural Revolution and turned into a movie theater. Eight years ago, it was returned to the church and is nearly ready for use after refurbishment



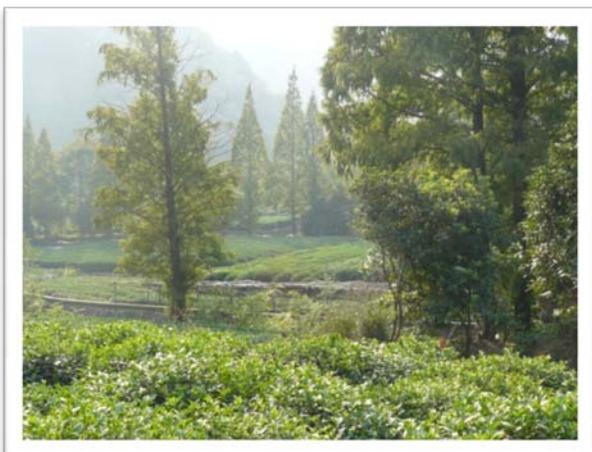
Contemporary worship at the new Church of the Rock appeals to students and young workers, accommodating 1,200 in their Sunday service.



China is a contrast of the old and the new. They are proud of their ancient culture, yet development is prolific.



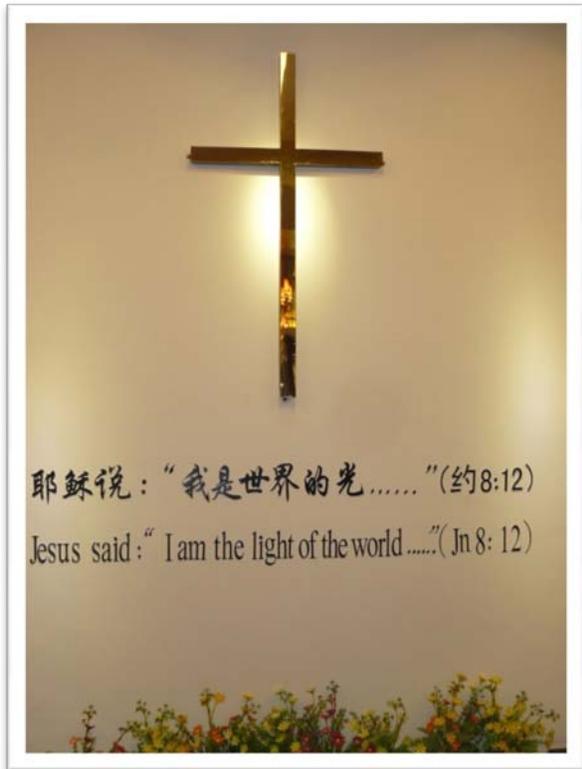
In China, meals are a time to strengthen relationships. This photo depicts a typical "Lazy Susan Lunch", where dishes are brought and placed on the lazy susan to be enjoyed by all. Tom Boone (LC) and Ed Hurley (RC) enjoy lunch with their new Chinese friends.



The central China countryside is lush and beautiful, producing some of the best green tea in the world.



The new Church of the Rock is aptly named, and draws worshippers with its mixed contemporary and traditional service, Sunday School classes and small groups.



In Chinese, English and all languages, Jesus is the light of the world.



Privately run Amity Printing company has printed and distributed more than 60 million Chinese Bibles since it began in 1987.



Team members mastered the use of chop sticks, since no forks or knives were ever provided!



Typical of lay leader training, this room was full of volunteers who left their homes and jobs for three months to learn to better lead their congregations back home. We witnessed incredible levels of dedication to spreading the gospel.



Leadership training is one of the greatest needs of the church in China. Bible schools often don't have enough resources for training, as evidenced by this empty library in Huai'an.



The artistry and detail of the ancient Chinese craftsmen have left a living legacy for the people of China and visitors alike.



These four seminary students are typical of the young people being trained for ministry in China. They are energetic and in love with Jesus.



A team picture (minus Jeff Ritchie, Peter Lim, Choon Lim and Susan Boone) in the Emperor's garden at the Forbidden City.



The Great Wall is actually many walls in northern China, winding their way through more than 5,500 miles of mountainous terrain.



On the doors of the Huai'an Bible school, the Chinese characters spell out Immanuel, complemented by our own English translation. Each Chinese church proudly displays the Immanuel characters to make sure their congregations know that indeed, God is with us.

Thank you for being with us on this mini-travelogue. For more information, contact The Outreach Foundation at 615/778-8881 or write us at info@theoutreachfoundation.org