



China Vision Trip

October 14-25, 2010

Registration Deadline: July 6

Cost: \$2,875 + airfare

Day 1 & 2 Arrival

Depart the US and arrive in *Beijing* (we lose one day to time/date changes). We will settle into our hotel and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Eating “Chinese style” around a “lazy susan” will be a fun experience to experiment with new foods.

Day 3 Beijing

Tour *Tiananmen Square* and the *Forbidden City*. Tiananmen Square is approximately 440,000 square meters (equivalent of almost 63 football fields) and has become a relaxing place for people to fly kites and walk. Here, we will see the Tiananmen Tower, Monument to the People's Heroes, Great Hall of the People, Mao Zedong Memorial Hall and the national flag raising ceremony.

Visit the Forbidden City or, Gu Gong in Chinese. This was the imperial palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties. It is the world's largest palace complex and covers almost 30 acres. After dinner, we will enjoy the spectacular *Acrobat show*.

Day 4 Beijing

Visit the *Great Wall of China*. Stand with humility on a man made world wonder that is thousands of years old.

Visit the Olympic Stadium called the “*Bird's Nest*”. The opening and closing Olympic ceremonies were held here, and were viewed by millions of people world wide. Fly to Xi'an this evening. The flight takes about 2 hour.

Day 5 Xi'an

Spend a full day viewing the spectacular *Terra Cotta warrior statues*. The Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses are the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century. A group of peasants uncovered some pottery while digging for a well nearby the royal tomb in 1974. It caught the attention of archeologists immediately. They have established that these artifacts were associated with the Qin Dynasty (211-206 BC).

Day 6 Xi'an

Today we will tour Xi'an. Xi'an is the capital of the Shaanxi province and is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. As one of the oldest cities in Chinese history, Xi'an has been the capital of some of China's most important dynasties, including Zhou, Zin, Han, Sui, and Tang dynasties. We will have the opportunity to walk on top of the city wall, and do some shopping at local markets.

Day 7 Zhengzhou / Luohe

Depart for Zhengzhou this morning (1.5 hour flight). We will take a van to Louhe from the airport. Spend the entire day with the children in the *Luohe Orphanage*, and with foster families who are caring for children in their community. Although some of the foster families and the children living with

them remain on the orphanage grounds, this program provides an opportunity for the children to live with families. Because the children in the Luohe orphanage struggle with special needs, any chance to receive individual attention is a tremendous benefit.

The highlight will be treating many of the children and their foster families to dinner that evening. This will be a wonderful time to create friendships with people who share your heart and compassion for children.

Day 8 Guiyang / Anshun

Depart for Guiyang this morning (2 hour flight). We will drive to Anshun. Guiyang is the capital of the Guizhou province, and was first constructed in 1283 AD during the Yuan Dynasty. During ancient times, Guiyang was surrounded by dense bamboo groves, and was famous for producing a musical instrument known as a Zhu. Hence, the city is also known as Zhu. Bethany has placed 25 children in foster care within the Guiyang community and hopes to place 50 by October of 2010. You will have the opportunity to meet and spend time with some of the kids who will benefit from this program.

Day 9 Guiyang

Today we will visit the largest water fall in China, and will have the chance to tour the city. There will be time to visit the local market and to catch our breath before leaving for Shanghai.

Day 10 Shanghai

Depart for Shanghai this morning (1.5 hour flight)

By the time we reach Shanghai, it will be noon. We will get checked into our hotel and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. We will walk along the *Bund*, a symbol of Shanghai, and will enjoy an evening *Huangpu River Cruise*, enjoying the beautiful scenery and lights along the Huangpu River.

Day 11 Shanghai

Shanghai is best known for its cosmopolitan atmosphere. Shanghai has the best of both worlds. It will take us from one extreme of innovative progress, technology and a thriving financial environment, to the opposite extreme of thousands of years of tradition and architecture.

While we are in Shanghai we will visit *Xin Tian Di*, a popular destination among foreigners for food and shopping. Here, you will find anything and everything you need to bring home as gifts and souvenirs. We will enjoy lunch at the Xin Tian Di where you can select from multiple restaurants to fit your tastes.

After lunch we will visit the old section of Shanghai, providing us with an historical perspective of Shanghai in its original state.

Day 12 Return Home from Shanghai