



Second Weekend

On our second Saturday in Anshan we visited a modern school that has existed for only a few years. (I did not copy its name.) We were greeted by young ballet students, teachers, and older students. Numerous times during our tour we had to gather for group photos. A young man was playing classical Western music on a piano in the entrance. We saw two libraries and the auditorium.



Several students demonstrated calligraphy by carefully drawing Chinese characters. I received the work of Zhang Zhi Xu. I was briefly told that the words mean something like "How time flies!", subject to verification. His teacher, in white and green, is Jorway (Zhang Zhe Wei). In red is our Chinese leader, Fiona (Shen Xiao Ying). Later I learned that Jorway went with several students to visit a school in Kokomo, Indiana, last winter. A return visit by American students is planned. One of our teachers, Mel, teaches at a college in



Marion, Indiana, a neighboring town, and often goes to Kokomo for educational duties. The Anshan students included stops in Washington, D.C., New York City, Los Angeles, and Disneyland in their tour.



Then young students played excellent music on traditional Chinese instruments. At the left and right are the equivalent of a hammered dulcimer, which Meggi got to try out. In the middle the strings were plucked by spurs on the fingers, like a banjo.



We were treated to two ballets. The first was called "Beauty of the Pear Flowers", and the second was a traditional piece. We American teachers had great difficulty twirling those red cloths ourselves.



We had refreshments. Then the older students spoke with us. Several had been on that trip to Kokomo. Others practiced their English with questions and answers both ways.

The entire visit to this school was excellent (exceeding what Gail and I experienced in a Middle School visit in Guiyang in 2004). I overheard that

students had been at this school at about 5:30 AM in preparation for our visit.



In the later part of Saturday morning we visited the remote hillside farm of Mr. Sun, a top leader in the educational system of Anshan. There were many types of vegetables. We picked apricots from the tree. The freshly dropped apricots I found on the ground had excellent tree-ripened flavor. The third photo below is of sweet potatoes, whose plant was unfamiliar to me.



We had a huge lunch at a nearby small restaurant/resort.

Sunday morning we were at this church near the middle of the city, close to a large park. As usual, it was crowded. We were placed near the front, with most people behind us. One photo shows the choir. Another shows the woman pastor who read from the Bible and gave the message. It was based on Genesis 26, 12-31, where Isaac showed good conduct with some troublesome neighbors. We were encouraged to follow the teachings and example of Jesus in such situations.



We went for a long leisurely walk in the nearby park before lunch. It had many large ponds and walkways. There was a great variety of activity, including playgrounds, various games, much singing and exercising. One woman was handing out invitations to the church, which I kept. I took a photo of people singing from large sheet music draped between trees.



During the past week one of our afternoon classes spoke of Christmas. We prepared Christmas cards and gave them to our students. This design at the right was provided by Elaine.

During that walk in the park I was able to get a good photo of the Hoopoe, a bird similar to a large woodpecker. It has an unusual set of feathers at the back of its head.



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上帝 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. - John 3:16

(He said of Jesus:) There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! - John 1:29

義 That sheep covering me makes me righteous in God's sight.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-10 nkjv

Messiah everlasting Father
THE SAVIOR SON of MAN
LIFE the truth
Jesus only begotten son
PRINCE of PEACE ROCK
LAMB of GOD
The Beloved Creator
bread of life mighty GOD
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
SAVIOR King of the Jews
everlasting Father
PRINCE of PEACE ROCK

NO NAME IN *heaven*
OR ON *earth*,
HAS MORE *value*
OR MORE *worth*
THAN JESUS CHRIST,
OUR MORNING STAR,
BORN TO SAVE US
AS WE ARE!

Celebrating Jesus
AND WISHING YOU
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

DEAR CHEN JINXIA
MAY YOU DISCOVER AND ENJOY
GOD'S GIFT FOR YOU.
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