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*We Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem! Psalm 122:6*

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### China Trip Report

Two weeks in China does not make me an expert on China! All I know is what I was told and the little that I observed. I did not see any tourist sites, which was fine. The purpose of the trip was to follow high school friends Jack & Alice Fitzwilliam to the remote places where Jack was born, and where he lived until taken prisoner by the Japanese after Pearl Harbor. It was also to celebrate the completion of the NT his father began years ago. Their son Steve arranged the trip through Chinese friends he had made.

Most of the time was spent in Yunnan Province in SW China. Kunming is the capital, a bustling, large city with many large, new apartment buildings and late model cars, showing the transfer of wealth from our buying "Made in China" products for so long. From Kunming, we drove into the beautiful mountains where the tribal people live, referred to as "minorities" now. Our first was to Tengchong, where Jack was born. We stayed overnight at a Chinese Youth Hostel. We were shown several 3-small-dwellings centering on a small courtyard, probably like what Jack's mother described to him later. Then we went to Muchempu, a Lisu village, where the family of 3 lived for the next 5 yrs. There were long distances over narrow roads to get to these remote areas, much like in our Philippine mountains. I felt right at home, except for the language! Hardly any spoke English, not even the driver of our van, only our Tour Guide!

After a furlough in the States, Jack's parents pioneered in a Zaiwa village called Longchiu. This is where his Dad died in 1940 and is buried. His Mom then came to Chefoo to see Jack, as he had gone directly to Chefoo School in the NE of China. The Japanese came before she could return, which was good, since they stayed together until repatriated in 1943 to the USA. We met in 1944 in Wheaton, IL.

Jack was happy to see a functioning church in Longchiu. However, the local pastor is also the local government official. The government controls all visible churches by appointing and paying the salary of all pastors. I have no idea how much freedom anyone has to openly preach and teach the Bible, as all the many missionaries in the area are very secretive about their activities and are in business, the only way to get a visa into China. I was assured that there is a lot of Bible teaching going on, for which we rejoice.

Our last stop was in YanTai in the NE, where the Chefoo School was. Two college students studying English were our Tour Guides. They enjoyed us very much and were sad to see us leave. These two were the only possible Divine Appointments that I could detect. Pray for Cathy Miao who is studying English to teach Chinese to foreigners, and for Candace He who is studying business English. They have one more year in college and hope to come to Florida to visit us. The Chefoo School is now a military academy, but through some connections, we were able to get in for Jack to see his former dorm and classroom buildings, built by the CIM. YanTai is a beautiful, booming city on a bay, with many high-rise apartment and business buildings, a great vacation spot.

Thanks to the LORD, we all stayed healthy! I lost a few pounds because of the menu, but that was just fine! Next will be a weekend trip to San Francisco for a wedding June 6. Then a USA road trip might be considered to promote my book, *According to Roger, My Journey Into Bible Truth*. My supply is almost gone, so I will have to wait for the 2<sup>nd</sup> printing. \$24.95 single copy, postpaid in USA; \$17 each for 5-9 copies plus shipping; \$15 each for 10 or more copies plus shipping. Place your orders now! Easy reading; many pictures; rave reviews; preview on [unshackled.org](http://unshackled.org) radio drama, programs 3007 & 8.

With Love and Praises to Yeshua for productive "retirement" years! We love it! Rejoicing always!

Roger & Naomi (Sept 8, our 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary; Sept 14, Roger's 80<sup>th</sup>; Oct 29, Naomi's 78<sup>th</sup>! HalleluYah!)