



It's May in Xian and summer is here!

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Waking suddenly this morning, I scrambled to remember the date. Was I to teach PhDs, go to an English corner, bake with students, host student or visiting foreign friends, or enjoy the "fellowship" group followed by two English corner? Having the two additional weekly English corners has helped fill my free day. So just keeping up with my schedule has become a challenge! Then falling, two weeks ago, while chasing a bus and the ensuing MRI, X-rays, recommended surgery and bed rest have done little to simplify things.



Nevertheless, HE CONTINUES TO BE FAITHFUL and so far I have missed no classes, spent up to four extra hours most weekdays baking or chatting with PhDs to make up for their absences, and have only missed one of my own English corners. (the second time in five years). BTW, I didn't miss that bus!



In the midst of all this chaos, 12 fantastic friends from New Zealand were visiting Xian for two weeks and added great energy and HIS truth to eight of the English corners. They worked tirelessly with me and many other English teachers. They were amazing and reaped a bountiful harvest and all to HIS GLORY! PTL! Thank you, Murray and crew!



I obviously could fill many pages with all the 'interesting' details about this past month, but neither of us have the time at this moment! However, if you want to know more, just ask!



There are exactly two months left to teach here in Xian! My mind recognizes this fact, but my heart seems to resist the entire idea! Questions continually flood my heart... "Who will teach my students?" "What will happen to my six English corners?" "Does



anyone care?" And on and on they whirl. Then HE reminds me that they are NOT MY ... Anything! They are HIS and HE alone knows what tomorrow holds, let alone two months from now! HE tells (commands?) us to



cast all our cares on HIM and then Rest on HIS wonderful promises. Why is it so easy to type, but so difficult in live? This is why I need you in a special way! You have been there for me in the past and so it is with confidence in both HIM and You that I move forward. Bless you for being there for me and my beloved Chinese.

Things in the NW also are a bit unsettled. My condo is still not rented; keeping in contact with the needed people and bills paid are proving a challenge; my brother, Bob, and his sweet wife, Ginny, continue to deal with his Hospice ordeal, and my July teaching plans in the NW have not been confirmed!!

Yet I know HE is leading and you are there, too! Therefore I just need to keep hanging on to HIS HAND, trusting HIM, and taking one step at a time, hopefully in the right direction.

So, once again I am going to conclude and let Alice format the photos I send her. I also pr@y that regardless of problems and over whelming circumstances in your life, that you too, are relying on HIM and HIS Love to take you through whatever HE is asking. HE HAS PROMISED to NEVER leave nor forsake us. So until next month, or until I hear from you; be slow to question, quick to REST in HIS ARMS, rejoice in HIS blessings, and have a Magnificent May!

Walking together in HIS SONlight,

Bonnie Butterfly "Shi Hong Die"

