

Silk Road Summer Camp

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This trip to Urumqi has been a journey. Before we arrived, I knew little about their culture and had a little fear in me. John, Mr. An, Mr. Sun, and all the great friends along with me has made me feel much more safe. Without them this trip wouldn't be complete.

The Silk Road Summer Camp has been a once in a life time experience. Visiting the orphanage has showed me that there is more love in this world. I remember that there was a saying, "there is always a little love in hate." Now, I truly believe in it. Before entering the village, I was afraid my Chinese wouldn't be good enough, but they were all very patient with me as I tried to explain things in Chinese. Even though we had to plan our lesson for the next day for a few hours, I still enjoyed it because I knew that the children will be happy. The children's love toward their mom is unreal and pure. The time I was in the village, I was happy all the time because the environment was packed with love and positivity. So, even if I was sad, there was no room for it.

This experience has taught me to appreciate what I have. The orphanage don't know their real mothers yet they treat their "moms" as if they were really their mom. Their sibling bond is also unbelievable. I learned that I should be more kind to my brother and appreciate what I have. My parents work hard day and night and they deserve more. Most importantly, I learned to smile because one smile can bring up hundreds.

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-Karen