The Amity Easter Tour 2014
Beijing & Guizhou, April 17-25
A Brief Introduction to Guizhou Province

Guizhou, isolated from the rest of the world for centuries by its stunning mountainous terrain, remains one of China’s most unspoiled provinces. With a population of 40 million, Guizhou covers a total area of 67,992 square miles. Eighty-seven percent of the province is mountainous, ten percent hilly and the remaining three percent a flat plain. Situated between Hunan, Guangxi, Sichuan and Yunnan provinces, it is known for its beautiful countryside, local festivals and ethnic minorities. Yi, Dong, Miao, Buyi, Shui, Gelao, Bai, Zhuang, Hui and others make up 37 percent of the population. One of China’s lesser known provinces and best kept secrets, Guizhou is also one of the most beautiful provinces, offering dramatic karst limestone scenery, a spectacular plateau landscape cut by great gorges and canyons, terraced hillsides and enchanting vistas.

Even though only 12 percent of the land is arable, farmers make the most of it by harvesting two crops a year in a patchwork of fields between limestone hills and low granite mountains. Homes, walls, terraces, bridges, aqueducts, roads, dikes and dams are all built from stone. Travel is not easy. Guizhou is one of China’s poorest provinces. Around 70 percent of the population is illiterate or semi-illiterate and a third of the people live in severe poverty.

Guiyang is the capital and largest city in Guizhou.

This map locates Beijing, the capital of China, Guizhou Province, and Guiyang, the capital city of Guizhou.
Tour Schedule (Draft)
April 18-26

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Estimated tour cost: US$ 1,950 per participant
Registration deadline: December 31, 2013

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Tour Details (Draft)

Day 1
Arrival in Beijing

Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China and one of the most populous cities in the world. Being the nation's political, cultural, and educational center, Beijing is also home to the headquarters of most of China's largest state-owned companies, and a major hub for the national highway, expressway, railway, and high-speed rail networks, while Beijing Capital International Airport is the second busiest in the world by passenger traffic. As one of the "Four Great Ancient Capitals of China", Beijing has been the political center of China for centuries. The city is renowned for its opulent palaces, temples, gates of city walls, and royal gardens, and its art treasures and universities have made it a center of art and culture in China.

Day 2
Morning: Sunday worship at Chongwenmen Church; Orientation for the Amity Easter Tour
Afternoon: Visiting the Great Wall
Evening: Visiting the Tian’anmen Square
Day 3

Morning: Visiting Beijing Christian Council;
Afternoon: Traveling from Beijing Airport to Guiyang Airport
Day 4

Morning: Visiting Guizhou Province Christian Council; Visiting Guizhou Bible School;
Afternoon: Traveling from Guiyang to Sansui County by bus and enjoying scenic views on the way

Christianity was first preached in Guizhou in 1887. There were missionaries from more than 10 denominations including China Inland Mission, the Methodist Church and the Anglican Church. Believers in Guizhou are mainly located in remote minority areas. The Christians in ethnic minority areas are well-known for their innate talent for dancing and singing.

Established in 1993, Guizhou Bible School is the base for theological education in Guizhou. Most of the students are from ethnic minority groups. The majority Han Chinese only account for 15% while 50% of the students are from Miao, 30% from Yi, and 5% from other ethnic groups.
Day 5
Visiting Amity-funded projects in Sansui County

Integrated rural development projects in Sansui County aim to improve rural infrastructure, planting conditions, living environment in the project area, and local people’s, especially women’s, capacity of community-based self-management. The projects also lead to increase of income, ecological balance and sustainable development for local residents.

The integrated projects cover drinking water system building, village road construction, anti-flood dam building and maintenance, irrigation ditch construction, biogas digest building, village medical worker training, village clinic building, promotion of improved varieties, training on agricultural technology, and capacity building for local residents.

The projects have resulted in improved environment, better rural infrastructure, reduced soil erosion, increased income, access to convenient medical services, and confidence in future prosperity for local residents.

An Amity-funded village road enables villagers’ access to outer world

Local residents benefited from the integrated rural development projects in Sansui County
An Amity-funded dam project in Xuedong Town, Sansui County

Wooden house dwellers enjoy access to tap water enabled by Amity-funded drinking water project in Sansui County
Day 6

Traveling from Sansui County to Anshun by bus

As Guiyang is located on the way from Sansui to Anshun, the tour will stop at Guiyang for lunch and visit the Tower of Cultural Prosperity (Wen Chang Ge) and the Chamber of the Finest Elegance (Jia Xiu Lou), two landmarks in Guiyang, before leaving for Anshun again.

The Tower of Cultural Prosperity (Wen Chang Ge)  The Chamber of the Finest Elegance (Jia Xiu Lou)

Day 7

Morning: Visiting Amity-funded projects in Puding County, Anshun
Afternoon: Visiting Xianma Church in Puding County

Traveling from Xianma Village to Anshun by bus

An Amity-funded reforestation project in Puding County, Anshun
Xianma Village lies in the northeast part of Houchang Township and is categorized as a Class-I target village for poverty alleviation within the township. Ethnic minority (Miao) residents (1,455) count for 97% of the village’s total population.

Xianma is nicknamed “God’s Village”. A writer says, “Xianma is not frustrated by its inaccessible location, nor defeated by the poverty. Every blade of grass and every tree demonstrate the meaning of survival and the rays of humanity. It is God’s miracle, left in the deepest of mountains.” 99% of Xianma residents believe in Christ. Xianma villagers are honest and unsophisticated. In Xianma, doors are unbolted at night and belongs left by roadside remain intact.

In the late 19th century, the Gospel was brought to Guizhou. Missionaries came to Puding County, establishing churches, running schools, and teaching hymns. They also created the written form for the Miao language and preached in Miao language. Christianity has profoundly influenced generations of local Miao people. Xianma Christians practice God’s doctrines in their songs. They developed a multi-voice-part chorus, which mixes bel canto with Chinese folk singing and perfectly combines faith and art.
Day 8
Morning: Traveling from Anshun to Guiyang Airport by bus
Afternoon: Traveling from Guiyang Airport to Beijing Airport

Day 9
Departure
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.

(Micah 4:2)