



Teaching Trip Summary 2008-2019



Teaching Trip Background

In 2008, the small rural town of YanZiBian, China suffered a devastating earthquake. To help with financial and emotional troubles, the KCCAA Youth Hope Fund began organizing mission trips during the summer.

Over the course of past 11 years, hundreds of students have been participated in the summer volunteer teaching trip to China. In Yanzibian, and Yan'an , they visited homes of scholarship recipients, they taught a variety of curriculums to local student in poverty.

Those teaching trips has become a bridge to connect youth with different economics and cultural backgrounds. They formed long lasting friendship and all of them felt eye-opening.





Trip Activities

- Home visit/interview with the scholarship recipients and their parents to find their future needs
- Teach English, music, art, Science, PE to local students
- Celebrate Children's Day with local students
- Donate books to School English Reading Room
- Distribute scholarships to local students



Quote from previous trip members

"I wasn't sure what to expect at first, but when I saw the kids the same age as me, with the same skin as me, I couldn't help but compare Yanzibian to my own school. They work hard to escape their economic situation, while I on the other hand is fortunate enough to have the choice. I never realized how much I took for granted and how lucky I am to have what I have.... Yanzibian was like looking into a mirror, a magnifying glass that showed exactly what I could do with my life."

- Tina Li

"It was a very interesting and fun trip [and] I made a lot of friends and got to know a lot of people while seeing the life of other people with other backgrounds."

- Nancy Pei



"I was so surprised at how everyone opened us with open arms, and being able to connect with all of the kids is an experience I'll never forget."

- Melody Jiang



"It was an educational experience that gave us a view of what less fortunate people's lives are like."

- Skyler Lin





Teaching Trip History

2008 – 2009:

- Mr. Jiang Zhanpeng went to Yanzhibian twice to investigate the disaster-stricken Shenjiaba Primary School and implement the reconstruction project. In March 2010, the Kansas City Friendship Primary School was completed at the site of the original Shenjiaba Primary School. The teachers and students of the school moved from the simple shockproof canopy to the new and bright school building.
- In July 2009, driving on unfinished roads and under the leadership of Professor Xiao Qiang, three high school students from Kansas City – Andy Yu, Edward Jiang, and Yuqi Hou – visited students and teachers in the disaster area. They carried books and other school supplies worth more than 10,000 yuan to the school. In the hot anti-shock shed, they read stories to the children and played games with them, opening the door to friendship!



Teaching Trip History

2011:

- In August 2011, Mr. Sue Adams, President of Brookridge Elementary School, and Andy Yu, Kevin Li, Timmy Li from Kansas City contacted YZB Friendship Primary School through Mr. Jiang Zhanpeng, and with the help of Mr. Li Lingheng and Ms. He Xi, they went to Yanzibian Kansas City friendship school for a week of volunteer teaching.

2012 Teaching Trip:

- Parent Leader: Wang Yunming
- Student Leader Cindy Wang
- 8 team members: Cindy Wang, Tammy Lee, Eric Koch, Grace Brentano, April Ma, Mykell Ma, Eric Zhao, Katrina Zhao
- Parents accompanying the team: Liyue Wang, Yijing He
- Trip organizer: Jin Jing
- Awarded need-based scholarships

Teaching Trip History

2013 Teaching Trip:

- Parent Leader: Chen Wei
- Student Leader: Michale Zhou
- 11 team members: Katie Zhu, Nathan Zhu, Michael Zhou, Eric Koch, Robin Xue, Dan Li, Grace Brentano, Thomas Brentano
- Trip organizer: Jin Jing
- Awarded need-based scholarships

2014 Teaching Trip:

- Parents Leader: Li Lingheng, He Wei, He Yijing
- Student Leader: Kevin Li, Grace Brentano
- 13 team members: Josh Eisemann, Megan She, Elizabeth Gerson, Christine Zheng, Nathalie Kiersznawski, Kevin Li, Charles Li, Shannon Fang, Grace Brentano, Thomas Brentano, Robin Xue, Jack Reardon, Michael Zhou
- Trip organizer: Jin Jing
- Awarded need-based scholarships
- Donated a video camera



Teaching Trip History

2015 Teaching Trip:

- Parent Leader: Xia Wei
- Student Leader: William Liu
- 8 team members: Amanda Cheng, Bryce Hui, Mulan Jiang, Andrew Liu, William Liu, Kristen Xu, Andy Zhang, Rebecca Zhang
- Parents accompanying the team: Jie Li, Cenbo Xu
- Trip organizer: Jin Jing
- Awarded need-based scholarships
- Helped establish an English reading room at Yanzibian Primary School

2016 Teaching Trip:

- Parent Leaders: Jin Jing, Xu Yibo, Wang Tao
- Student Leader: Mulan Jiang, Kristen Li, Austin Tang
- 14 team members: Amanda Cheng, Bryce Hui, Mulan Jiang, Elan Jiang, Kristen Xu, Austin Tang, Anna Tang, Andy Zhang, Tracy Zhou, Sabrina Lin, April Ma, Evelyn Peng, Jack Di Palo, Lily Jiang
- Parents accompanying the team: Tao Lin, Tong Li
- Trip organizer: Jin Jing
- Awarded need-based scholarships
- Helped establish a Reading Pagoda at Yanzibian Primary School



Teaching Trip History

2017 Teaching Trip:

- Parent Leaders: Jin Jing, Hong Ji, Tang Ping, Jiang Zhenglian, Zheng Xinqun
- Student Leaders: Mulan Jiang, Austin Tang, Lily Jiang, Andy Zhang
- 26 team members: Mulan Jiang, Dylan Chan, Katrina Zhao, Edward Liu, Andy Zhang, Austin Tang, Lily Jiang, Julia Plufger, Elan Jiang, Rylie Zhang, Catherine Zhao, Max Rong, Sky Rong, Kevin Li, Hank Rong, August, Skylar Lin, Kristen Xu, Lucy Li, Kevin Li, Rachel Zhang, Bert Bean, Maggie Zhang, Richard Zhang, Anna Tang, Annie Wang and Ms. McGraw
- Parents accompanying the team: Lin Guo, Lei Rong, Jingsong Zhang, Xinggong Li
- Trip organizers: Jin Jing, Ji Hong
- Awarded need-based scholarships in the Yanzibian Primary School and the Yanzibian Middle School
- Helped establish a robotics classroom in Yanzibian Middle School
- Renovated the Yanzibian Primary School restrooms.





Teaching Trip History

2018 Teaching Trip:

- Parent Leaders: Zheng Xinqun, Tina Ma, Liu Leijian, Xia Xintian, Jiang Zhanpeng, Liu Xiaoyu, Hong Ji
- Student Leaders: Andy Liu, Edward Liu, Andrew Liu, Annie Wang, Amanda Cheng, Mulan Jiang
- 28 team members: Audrey Che, Annie Wang, Edward Liu, Emily Duan, Andy Zhang, Rylie Zhang, Tina Li, Ella Zhang, Richard Zhang, Dennis Guo, Sophia Zhao, Kevin Zhao, Matthew Wei, Andrew Liu, Ross Bunch, Thatcher Johntz, Vincent Zheng, Julianne Zheng, Nancy Pei, Catherine Zhao, Kayla Yu, Eric Chen, Amanda Cheng, Jennifer Cheng, Yifan Yu, Mulan Jiang, Hannah Zachary
- Parents accompanying the team: Ella Shan, Hui Chen, Hui Zhao
- Trip organizers: Jin Jing, Hong Ji
- Began teaching at Yan'an Primary School
- Renovated the Yanzibian Middle School restrooms
- Awarded need-based scholarships at all teaching sites
- Launched "Hand In Hand" one-on-one financial support project. 14 students were granted long-term need-based scholarships.

Teaching Trip History

2019 Teaching Trip:

- **Yanzibian Team**
 - Parent Leaders: Lin Tao, Chen Wei, Zheng Minwei, Ye Xiaojuan
 - Student Leaders: Melody Jiang, Skyler Lin, Eric Chen
 - 18 team members: Nancy Pei, Mike Guo, Audrey Che, Selena Huang, Kallista Zhang, Shelby Lamping, Johnathon Rowles, Gary Lin, Kellyn Miller, Matthew Jiang, Thatcher Johntz
 - Helped construct a teacher's lounge in Yanzibian Primary School
 - Awarded need-based scholarships

- **Huangling Team**
 - Parent Leaders: Yu Xiongfei, Cheng Yuan; Student Leaders: Kayla Yu, Zachery Cheng
 - 15 team members: Max Rong, Sophia Zhao, Nathan Zhang, George Xue, Branden Xiao, Ryan Wei, Sue-sue Murray, Haley Miller, Kevin Zhao
 - Parents accompanying the team: Zheyi Yang, Miaoju Luo
 - Awarded need-based scholarships
 - Donated 200 sets of summer school uniforms to Yan'an Primary School

- Trip organizers: Jin Jing, Hong Ji
- Worked with the North Carolina Chinese Association to set up a teaching site at Daijiaba
- Hand In Hand granted scholarships to 6 more students

