

## 000829 Return to Yantai

Hello! This is just a quick email to let you know that I have returned safely to Yantai after two months and one day of travel. I have a lot to tell you regarding my travels, but I will save the details for a much larger email. I hand wrote a good deal of it on the road and now I must type it all in, probably by the weekend.

Jennie, Carol and Gerard all arrive and returned safely. My parents should have arrived in Boston about an hour ago after leaving Beijing yesterday. All of the travels went well without major problems. The two months went by quickly and it seems strange that it is all over. My classes resume on September 4th and I will be busy as I am the only foreign teacher this semester at No 5. There were not enough WT volunteers this semester to give a teacher to every school that wanted one.

I will be busy over the next few days at recuperating from my trip, cleaning the apartment and planning lessons. I do not yet know how many classes I will be teaching or what grade level. The school will undoubtedly wait until the first day of classes to tell me these details.

Yantai is a little different as more of the older buildings have come down to make way for the new ones. The market that I always went to was torn down. However, I got a call last night from my friend Li Mei, the mantou saleswoman. She is now my friend, the chicken saleswoman as she found a new job at another market. I will try to find her today to see how she is doing. I must now also find a new place to buy all of my food.

Take care and I will write again soon,

Jeff

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