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Greeting from the Unique City of San Ming, China

The Life of a celebrity

This past Thursday May 29th the primary leader of San Ming City came to visit our orphanage. It was interesting having some big wig come and want to shake your hand. I do think the Chinese people tend to lift up their leaders too much of a kingship position, but maybe we Americans can learn to be more respectful of our nations leaders by watching the Chinese.

Today a fellow came to the children's village wanting to make a video presentation on foreigners working in San Ming. It was nerve-wrecking having a camera follow you everywhere. Everything I would do this camera was right their taking my picture. Sometimes the camera was right in my face other times the camera was half a pace away. What do you tell a video camera? In everything I hope G od was glorified. I know that being a celebrity is a blessing for one's witness, but I truly hate the life of a celebrity. O, to have some privacy and peace.

Do I have to go?

When I first arrived in San Ming I told myself I will not count the days till my departure for America. I recently broke this promise. I currently have 19 more days till I depart for America. Today I was talking with some of my children and none of my children want me to leave. Some of my children are saying

they are going to be crying when I leave. One of the girls even said she is going to cry the whole time till I came back to China. I know it is going to be hard to say See You Later, but I am ready to once again kiss the American soil.

I leave San Ming 2:00 AM on June the 19th and will be taking a 14 hour train ride to Hong Kong. I depart Hong Kong for America on the 20th of June. My airplane ride is about 18 hours long but I will arrive in America 2 hour later. HA HA HA!!!

Thanks for your Support,

Stephen Burkholder

PS: Enjoy your cold water!!!