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Greeting from the Unique City of San Ming, China,

How did this happen my bi-weekly news turned into Monthly news? Ops!!! Sorry!!!

Two VERY exciting things!!!

#1 I saw another White foreigner in San Ming.

I spotted a foreigner getting on one of the buses in San Ming's little downtown. I never know white people had such long noses. We both smiled at each other and waved. It was like we were old friends. You must remember this is the first white person I saw since my visa run to Hong Kong. I kept looking back at him to make sure he was really a real person.

#2 The downtown grocery store NOW sells CHEESE.

The other day I was walking through the big downtown grocery store. I was walking through the store mostly for the fun of looking at all the different and unique items. Then I saw right before my eyes a display of CHEESE. Wow, you would not believe the expression on my face. I was so excited I almost bought the whole display. Yep it is true San Ming Now sells CHEESE. The cheese is good, but it does not near have the flavor of good American cheese. They also started selling MASHMALLOWS, MILK CHOCOLATE, YOGURT, and PLUMS (from Argentina). San Ming is getting more and more modern. I think it is because of the Olympics, because everyone of these items has a little 2008 Olympic stamp.

Things you do when you are desperate. Someone gave me some good cheese from America. I decided I would not eat all the cheese at once but that I would ration it out over a period of time. I think back to what I did and laugh. Who in the world ever hear of rationing cheese? HA HA HA...

News since the last time I wrote.

- Helped my children plant a little vegetable garden
- Working as much as I can to get a bunch of closets done before I leave for America
- I miss ICE Cold Water.

Still Strong and Healthy,

Stephen Burkholder

PS: Continual to remember my 8 boys. They are struggling, but I do see some growth in their lives.

Their names are:

- Brian
- Benjamin
- Ken
- Jonathan
- Jack
- Edward
- Peter
- Mark