TONGJI UNIVERSITY

REPORT OF
LIZHUANG TEACHING PROGRAM

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Lizhuang high and junior middle school is found in Lizhuang town in Sichuan Province, this town has a collaboration with Tongji University in many aspects and one of them is teaching English Language in the Junior and high middle schools in this town.

From 6/11/17 to 19/11/17 a group of three international students from Tongji University delivered teaching lessons in English language, the first promotion of English teaching program by foreign students was divided into three parts such as: English course, Music course and sport class {football}. the students are from different countries in Africa. Myself Fadina Kolade Setondji Justin from Benin, Anne Wambui Mumbi from Kenya and Joaquim Minusse Tchamo from Mozambique.
We started the journey to Lizhuang from Tongji University at Mid day to Pudong International airport terminal one, setting off from the University was with a heart full of emotion that I felt during departure from Shanghai to Lizhuang. The continuation of this program will depend on our success during our two weeks of stay in Lizhuang, why we should give our best on this program, we arrived in Yibin at around 7:15 pm, we took a bus to Lizhuang, and we arrived there around 8:30 PM and we found the entire staff of the the school in Lizhuang middle junior and high school were waiting to receive u. The trip was long and tiring but Emma motivated us.
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LIZHUANG a very beautiful town bordered by the river. Different historic place and the daily activities is an ideal frame of rest and for the studies. We had been lodged in one of the best hotels where our rooms gave a view on the river.

In the morning after our breakfast, we visited the staff of the administration of both colleges; lizhuang junior middle school and lizhuang high middle school, then visited the city and the various places necessary for our stay for this program. During the first lunch we had met the different teachers who should accompany us in the program and the Chinese students of Tongji University who are also volunteers.
I was pleasantly surprised when I knew that I was going to give sports lessons especially football at Lizhuang. As I said during my presentations to students, football is my passion, I can stay a whole day watching a football game or playing football without any other activity. I found myself at Lizhuang in a job that I can give 100% of myself.

According to my schedule I gave lessons from Monday to Thursday; 4:30 pm to 6:00. I met a group of young students very dynamic not that they have a good level in football but young students who wanted to learn how to play, but also were attracted by a person from another culture. Very quickly a strong bond of friendship has been created between us. Apart from the lesson times in the school area or in the town streets the students recognized and always greet us. Two weeks were not enough for a mastery of football, but were useful for the basics in football. My only suggestion is that the football ground needs to be improve in future so that the students can have a real familiarity with a suitable lawn which is not disturbing during friendly matches.

I was surprised when a few days before the end of the program I was given the team of the school to train in preparation for the upcoming matches. This day especially I felt my importance at Lizhuang for this program.
GROUP PHOTO AFTER CLASS
WOMAN TEAM
LECTURES FOR LIZHUANG MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT AFRICA CULTURE

The program being in two parts, the other part consists giving two lectures on our different countries and cultures. The first lecture that took place on first week for junior middle school students, was presented by Anne and me. The second one for high middle school students, the last week by us all. I noticed the desire, the curiosity of students to know more about the African continent. The different questions after each presentation, also shows their ability to memorize quickly, and their thirst on African culture, different dishes and nature in general. Very good moments of exchange and communication took place during these two presentations.
FIRST LECTURE FOR JUNIOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

SECOND LECTURE FOR HIGH MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

In parallel to these activities, we had the visit of Sichuan educator, who knew our arrival for the program, Interviews also from local newspapers to gather information about our stay in Lizhuang. The two weeks were not just spent on the course, we had sightseeing in the town, Bamboo Sea visit, and some nice restaurants. I can never forget the particularity of lizhuang, the three White such as white cake, white pork and white wine. I have eaten all of them, very delicious. I was able to overcome my greatest fear, to travel on the water. We had during a bamboo sea tour using a traditional boat to visit the entire lake, and also the last weekend we crossed the river near our hotel to the other side. The last Saturday was very amazing with lot of emotions, we decided after our shopping cook our own meal in the hotel, and then Tchamo was our chef and cooked Mozambique food.

This program was my biggest experience in China, it was a moment of exchange, giving and receiving, a new friendship with young and old people. The last day with my students was moving, touching. I received gifts from both sides, weeping. One of the biggest pictures I have in me, is when all these students took me back to the gate for a last goodbye. Lizhuang I will never forget you.
ARRIVAL OF SICHUAN EDUCATOR

BAMBOO SEA VISIT

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