An international trek to explore a part of the planet for the sake of loving the world.

**Dare to “be”**

Our drive to accomplish or “do” something is admirable. It is a common trait for Americans! On the other hand it can get us into trouble. What if we went on a trip to begin to learn how to simply “be” with a particular people in their context? That’s what we want to attempt. You are invited to join us.

This spring we plan to visit 2-3 locations in China. Mostly we want to find ways to be with and make new Chinese friends. Conversation about our lives and what is important to us, seeing the sites, and serving alongside Chinese young adults are just a few of the ways we hope to interact. But **listening** will be our primary task. **Listening** to our hosts, **listening** as God speaks to us about our experience, **listening** to each other, and **listening** to our own assumptions and expectations along the way.

Some practical details you should know about the trip: Participants will work with American teachers (several GFU grads) from the Teaching Abroad Program sponsored by the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends. **Approx. dates May 3-26.**

Participant cost will be about $3,600. There will be two team leaders and room for up to 10 participants.

Application deadline: **November 30, 2015**

**Culture**

*Rich Tradition...* is synonymous with China. China is one of the oldest cultures in the world. With a growing economy and a mass of entrepreneurs, China is one of the up and coming countries of influence in the 21st century. How do these two forces complement and conflict?

**Relationships**

*Young Chinese...* face a different world than their parents. You will see first-hand the struggles and opportunities they navigate. Yet young adults world-wide face similar hopes for the future. Make friends that will help you see the world from a different vantage point.

**Service**

*English Camp...* The Chinese are eager to learn English from Americans. This is one way we can serve them and get to know them. We will work alongside Chinese university students to offer English camps to young people in China.

**Your Worldview**

Your assumptions... will be challenged and your eyes opened. Come ready to learn from, listen to, and love our hosts.

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