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## Rural China

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# RURAL CHINA

Or

ADRIAN AND PAUL'S EXCELLENT  
ADVENTURE(S)

# THE PURPOSE OF OUR TRAVELS

- ▣ To put our hand on the pulse of rural China
- ▣ To get some insights into the greatest movement of people in the history of our planet

# WHERE DID WE GO

- ▣ Trip 1 (2009):
  - Chongqing
  - Guang an
  - Xian
- ▣ Trip 2 (2011):
  - Kunming
  - Yuxi
  - Tonghai
  - Jianshui



Kashgar

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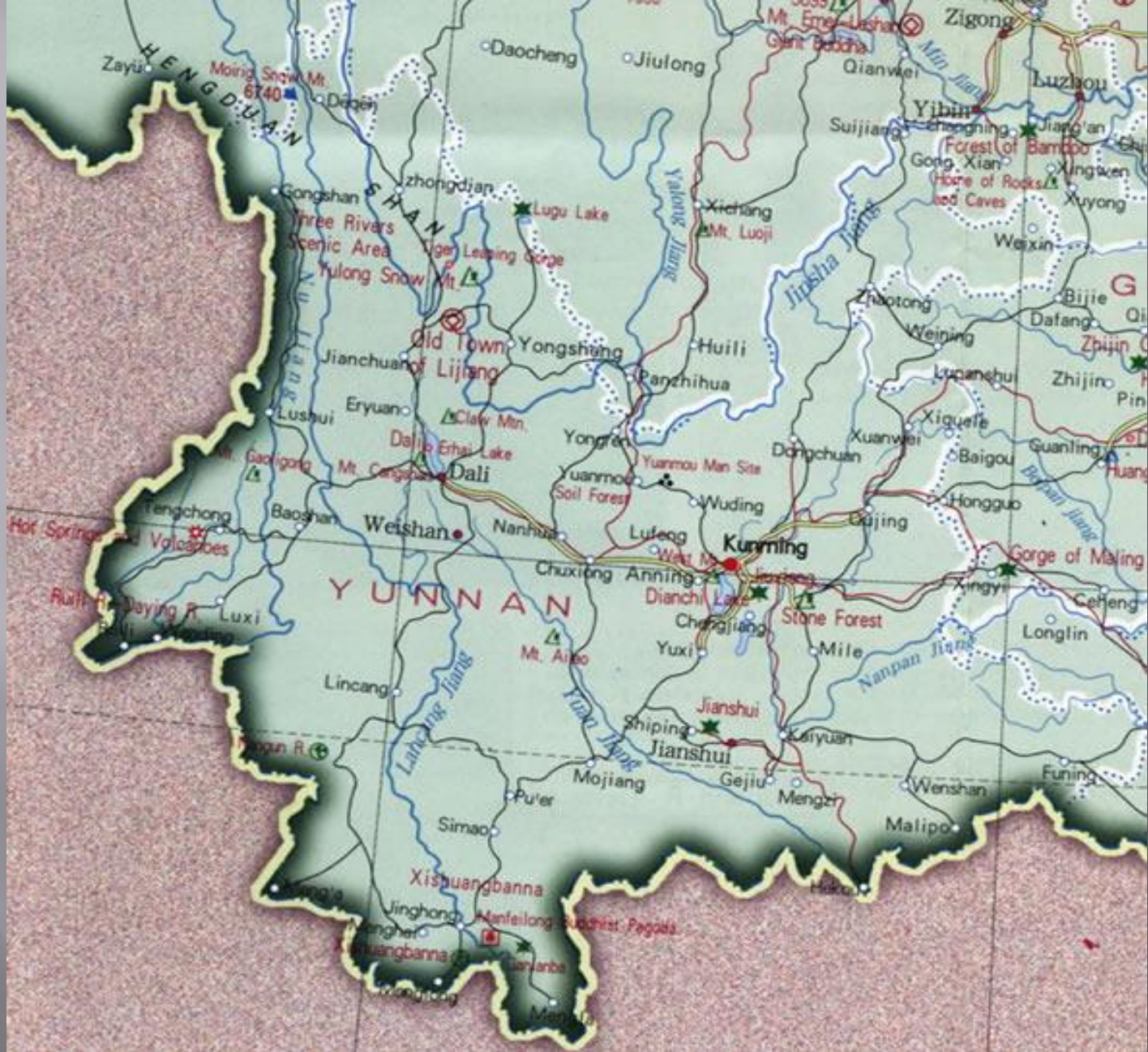
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Nanning  
Macau  
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Sanya  
Xisha Islands

Zhongsha Islands

Dongsha Islands

Taiwan



# Our Standard Procedure

1. Fly into a big city
2. Spend the night
3. Take train or bus to smaller city
4. Spend the night
5. Take bus or car to the edge of town
6. Start walking
7. Try to meet people

# My equipment consisted of:

- A Sony Cybershot camera
- A hand-held video camera
- Some gifts
- Lots of warm clothing



# The slide show/video

- ▣ 10 minutes, photos and music
- ▣ 20 minutes, a more detailed photo and video chronology of the trips
- ▣ Then we can have a discussion

# INSIGHTS

- ▣ People seemed pretty happy on the farm
- ▣ Very few young adults out there
- ▣ Farms are small and equipment is minimal
- ▣ The government is keeping a close watch
- ▣ Being a translator is a tough job
- ▣ The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

QUESTIONS  
COMMENTS  
DISCUSSION