Project Shine 2013



Project Shine: Our Journey

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Ni Hao! My name is Rebecca and teaching is my passion! I am a teacher working in the Toronto District School Board.

I have been a volunteer with CRRS Toronto Chapter for six years. I really enjoyed helping in their annual charity dinner to raise funds for the education of impoverished children in rural China.

2013 is my second year joining CRRS's "Project Shine" to teach English in a 2-week summer camp in rural Guangxi, China. The students in my class were 14-18 years old.

I was truly blessed to have the opportunity of working with some very gifted and talented students and this brings back very warm memories. The students grasped every opportunity to learn and were enthusiastic about the English games and songs that we taught them. Each student that I met was unique and precious.

I found many students to be very musical so our teaching team decided to purchase a guitar for them so we can give them guitar lessons and practice singing English songs with them.

The students were very excited to learn to strum the guitar. They were thrilled to showcase their music in the final concert. I love seeing the smiles on their faces when I entered the room every morning with my guitar! Though there was a language barrier, music is a universal language which speaks meaningfully to everyone's heart!

The young lady in the "Project Shine 2013" photo has graduated from high school in June. I was overjoyed to reunite with her in July as she was our alumni student. She embraced me tightly when she saw me this summer and told me that she would like to become a teacher just like me.



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Before we left the school at the end of the program, I encouraged all my students to be strong and study diligently. When I shouted out to them, "See you next summer...!", they all shed tears of hope!

Indeed, our lives are being transformed. The "Project Shine" teachers are blessed with a wonderful experience of teaching and the children in China are blessed with being loved.

Let us equip our younger generations and empower them with the passion for sharing!

Together we can make a difference. Join us in July 2014!!!