Final Weeks in Shanghai
December 3-16
For the next couple weeks we explored the area around Shanghai.

China Art Museum
The China Art Museum showcases modern Chinese art and is housed in the former China Pavilion of Expo 2010. It is one the largest art museums in Asia, and the admission’s free!

We went to Harbour Restaurant which was a seafood and international cuisine buffet.

Zibao
Justin, Ryan, Eddie, and I treated our Chinese teachers, Wei Laoshi and Wang Laoshi, to a seafood buffet located near Zibao, an old water town. This ancient town was built during 960-1126 and developed into a prosperous business center during the Ming and Qing Dynasties.

The China Pavilion was the most expensive pavilion at the world Expo, costing around $220 million USD.

There was an exhibit that showcased many different types of public bikes in Shanghai.

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We came across this beautiful bridge.

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After lunch we walked around Qibao Old Street. We were greeted at the entrance by the Bell Tower.

There were various souvenir shops and snack stands.

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Duolun Road Cultural Celebrities Street

One weekend, Justin, Ryan, and I decided to go explore Duolun Road, a historic base of China’s modern literature where many cultural notabilities used to reside. Along the pedestrian street were many old book stalls, private museums, and small antique shops.

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There were many statues commemorating famous Chinese writers and poets.
A couple of us were interested in going to the ghost book market located near Wenmiao Lu Confucius temple. It’s called a “ghost” book market because it supposedly only opened from 3-7AM on Sundays. Since this was our last Sunday in Shanghai, I decided I was going to check it out. So Austin, Michaela, and I woke up at 4:30AM and set out for the book market.

We were pretty confused when the taxi dropped us off here. We were definitely at the correct address but we didn’t see a single book vendor. Our sources said the market would be right outside the Confucius Temple, but there wasn’t anyone except for a couple of shadowy figures. It was pretty eerie.

Our reaction when we first arrived. Luckily we ran into a book vendor, but he told us that the market wouldn’t open until 7:30AM!

Since the book market didn’t open until 7:30AM, we decided to catch the sunrise overlooking the famous Shanghai skyline at the Bund.

Catching the sunrise at the Bund seemed to be on other people’s bucket list too.
**Morning Tai Chi practice at the Bund.**

**Back at the Confucius Temple**

We went back around 7:45 AM to see if the book market was open, but we didn’t see any vendors! Dejected, we were about to leave until…

...we realized the book market was INSIDE the temple!

There were rows and rows of old books ranging from children’s stories, to history, to medicine. After asking almost every vendor, I managed to find some Chinese biochemistry, cell biology, and neuroscience books! (I’m an unashamed nerd :P )

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Food

Yon Ho

One morning for breakfast, we went to Yon Ho for their youtiao which are Chinese "oil sticks" that go really well with warm soymilk.

Youtiao and soy milk for breakfast :)

This is arguably the best xiaolongbao restaurant in Shanghai! We made sure to get there early (8AM!) before the line got too long.

Highly recommend the pork xiaolongbao!

The pork with crab xiaolongbao tasted amazing too!
Karen, Michelle, and I went to a Shanghainese restaurant which became my favorite restaurant in Shanghai!

- Fruit Salad
- Bok Choy
- Shanghai-Style Braised Pork Belly (Hong Shao Rou)
- Hong Shao Kao Fu - Braised Wheat with Mushrooms
- Macaroon Café on Da Xue Lu is a great place to study and...
- ...they have amazing macaroons and drinks.
Fun with Friends

We had an early Christmas party with some of our language partners. Shout out to Maya for organizing, Karen for hosting, and Cintia for cooking!

Late night bubble tea makes working on a group project more fun.

On our last day in Shanghai, Karen, Michelle, and I decided to get our nails done. These gel nails were around $7 USD!

"Oh the places you'll go…"

Climbed the Great Wall, disco danced with Xi'an seniors, biked on Ofos to class, recited Chinese poems with Chancy, jet skied in Hangzhou, experienced acupuncture and cupping, observed some of the best doctors in Shanghai, took 200 selfies in Ningbo, got lost in Kunming, did handstands in front of the three pagodas, tasted yak yogurt, used oxygen tanks for altitude sickness, sung Christmas carols in a gondola while riding up a mountain, wore purple sacks in Thailand, released lanterns with 4,000 people, fed a baby elephant bananas, met two kid cousins in Taiwan for the first time, fell from my pod in Tokyo, wandered around gorgeous Ginza at night, bonded with my fieldwork team while drinking late night bubble tea, finally found the ghost book market, and practiced speaking, reading, and writing in Chinese.

All this packed into an unforgettable four months.

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CHINA
Beijing --> Xi'an --> Shanghai --> Suzhou --> Hangzhou --> Ningbo --> Kunming --> Dali --> Shangri-La

Let's go on an adventure...
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