

Dear Friends and Relatives,

My flight to China was delayed from Sunday to Wednesday because my passport and visa did not arrive until Tuesday. Thereafter the travel details went well. As usual I sat in a seat giving me a good view and I took numerous photos from the planes that might be useful in my university lectures for remote sensing of the earth. Here are four of them.



The upper left is of mountains, snow, and bay along the coast of Alaska. The upper right is of tundra somewhere in far eastern Siberia. The lower left is of mountains and a river also in far eastern Siberia. The lower right is of small icebergs floating on the ocean off the eastern coast of Russia.

On Thursday most of us teachers visited a part of the Great Wall. This time it was a different site from the previous years. There was no cable car or chair lift. We had to climb to reach the top of the hill shown on the right side of the photo. The vertical distance from the parking lot was more than



200 meters (700 feet). It was difficult for everyone. The site was Badaling.

On Sunday our team visited a Three Self (registered) church. I had been there two years ago. The music and style was like our traditional Western churches. We were provided ear phones for simultaneous translation. The readings and sermon were mostly from John 6 for this communion service. The photo shows the style of music on the blue screen. The numbers (a bit out of focus in this image) represent the musical notes that go with the Chinese character syllables.



This coming week we have lots of training sessions on our course materials and Chinese culture.

Ed Holroyd, 2 July 2012