

We'll be staying with friends in Nanjing for the weekend of Christmas. Officially, Christmas Day and Boxing Day are normal working days but we hope TJ gets to have these days off.

We get a longer holiday (about a week) after New Year (1st January) when we'll visit two or three other cities in Jiangsu province. We have about 1 month holiday for Spring Festival (Chinese New Year) in February. We plan to head to warmer climates in south China (Hong Kong, Macau, Guilin) then.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to hearing about your Christmas Holidays!

Best Wishes,
Neil, TJ & Sam

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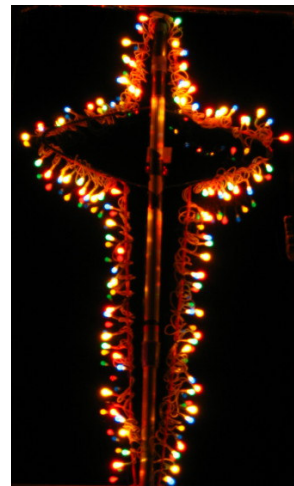
Neil, TJ & Sam
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Hi,

We're experiencing our first Northern Hemisphere Christmas and Sam hopes it will be a White Christmas! We're all wrapped up in warm jackets and polypop long-johns: no T-shirt, shorts and jandals around the BBQ for us!

It is very different not having lots of advertising, junk mail, Christmas Carols, Advent Church services and Advent Calendars, the mad rush of Christmas Shopping, summer days and gliding camp in Omarama.

Christmas is very low-key here: there are a few plastic trees, Santa decorations, tinsel and lights available in the shops. Ironic, considering most of the decorations available in the west are made here in China! We have been very restrained, found some cheap lights and fashioned ourselves a Christmas star for our window.



*Merry Christmas!
From Jurong, China*

