

Friends of International Education, Inc.
Week of January 7, 2008--Happy New Year

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1. International Education Meeting March 31/April 1 in Madison

If you haven't already registered for the WCSS/International Education Meeting in Madison on the 31st of March and 1st of April, DO so NOW. This is NOT an April Fool! There will be sessions focused on international topics, travel opportunities for teachers, sessions that share travel experiences and MUCH more. The keynote is Greg Mortenson of the Central Asia Institute.

Registration information is available online at

www.wcss-wi.org/wcss_conf.html

2. Teach English in China

The Director of an English Language School in Luoyang, China, otherwise known as Peony City, is inviting teachers to come to his school to teach English. The director's son, Tang Lei (Stanley), is an undergraduate biology student at Soochow University and an acquaintance of Christine Merritt, formerly of the East Asia Studies program at UW-Madison. The teaching offer includes a free apartment with a guest room (may be in the old city of Luoyang), all amenities and a 5000yuan/month salary. (This money goes a long way in China!) Teachers would have to pay their own airfare.

If anyone is interested and would like more information send an email to

Christine Merritt (formerly University of Wisconsin East Asian Studies and

now in China)
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3. Study Maori and Aboriginal Culture in Australia

Visit Australia and New Zealand this coming summer. A major focus of this trip will be visits to the Mauri Cultural Center in New Zealand and the Aboriginal Cultural Center in Cairns, Australia. All teachers are welcome.

For more information or to register contact Tom Skinner at 608 752-2111, or email

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4. Fulbright Opportunities

The last several listserv messages have included a number of opportunities for teachers to apply to participate in Fulbright programs this summer, including a Fulbright/Hayes Group Projects Abroad to Nepal (contact Judy Freund at jannfreund@sbcglobal.net), a teacher exchange to Uruguay (<http://www.fulbrightexchanges.org/View/ViewOtherOpps.asp>) and other opportunities (<http://www.fulbrightexchanges.org/View/ViewOtherOpps.asp>). You can access recent listserv messages from the Friends of International Education website at

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and then click on newsletter.

5. A Knock on Our Door

Lastly, here is a quote from the acceptance speech of the current co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Al Gore. In talking about what the future holds, Mr. Gore quoted the playwright, Henrik Ibsen, saying "One of these days, the younger generation will come knocking at my door."

Gore continued that "The future is knocking at our door right now. Make no mistake, the next generation will ask us one of two questions. Either they will ask: "What were you thinking; why didn't you act?" Or they will ask instead: "How did you find the moral courage to rise and successfully resolve a crisis that so many said was impossible to solve?" We have everything we need to get started, save perhaps political will, but political will is a renewable resource. So let us renew it, and say together: "We have a purpose. We are many. For this purpose we will rise, and we will act."

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