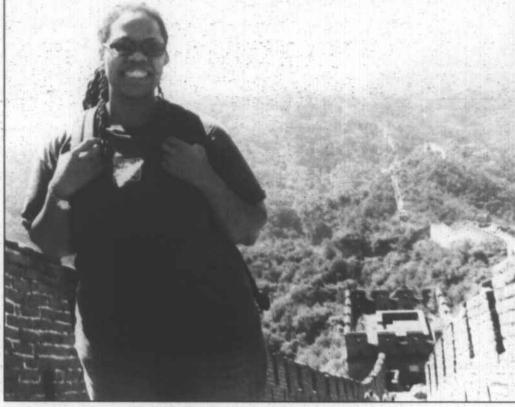
Jefferson teacher spends month in China

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Hughes. Tamara Spanish teacher at Jefferson Middle School, spent part of her summer in China with 15 other educators from schools from across the country.

Hughes took part in the prestigious Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad program. Administered National Committee U.S.-China Relations, the program gives language educators the chance to study Chinese culture and see how other languages, especially English, are being taught n the world's largest educational system. In China, English is a required subject for all students, beginning in the third grade.

During the month-long trip in June and July, the group visited the cities of Beijing, Yanji, Xi'an and Changzhou. Some of the educators also visited Hong Kong. Participants saw firsthand how non-native speakers of Chinese from some of China's many ethnic minorities are introduced to Mandarin in primary or secondary school, and how many school systems in



Tamara Hughes stands atop a section of the Great Wall of China.

China face bilingual education issues similar to those in the United States.

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Lesson: With Jesus having done all of that, He seeks quiet time with His Father. He recognizes the need to commune with the Maker. His ministry begins in the region of Galilee, specifically in Capernaum. Word has gone out that a man is healing in the city. Why is this important? The miracles performed are signs of His Messiahship. People with needs flock to Him. Why do we seek Jesus? Needless to say, Jesus as leader far excels all others in that category! Notice what He does. He keeps the connection with God, His Source, intact. He hasn't lost focus on the mission. The crowd is so great that the disciples look

for Him because this is an excellent opportunity to gain more followers. Remember that they don't fully understand the mission themselves. Instead of returning to the city, Jesus, along with the disciples, moves on in order that He might preach to others. After all spreading the Good News is the mission! He travels throughout the region, preaching and healing. While in another town, a leper approaches Him for healing. Jesus has compassion on the man. Jesus touches the man and he is healed and given specific instructions. First of all, Jesus respects the Mosaic Law, but His compassion supersedes ceremony! The man is sent to the priest because they are the ones to declare a leper healed (see Leviticus 13:6,13,17,23).

The man is so excited that he tells everyone what he sees. The crowds that want to see Jesus swell. The numbers become so large that He can no longer enter a town open-

Application: I'm afraid that we seek Jesus for selfish reasons, just like the people in the lesson. Are we so focused on our personal concern that we miss the message? Do we seek Him out of curiosity or some other selfish motive? Let's examine our motives for being in the fellowship. Do we show up when times are bad? When the trouble passes, do we forsake the fellowship? Do we seek Him for social status or for networking purposes? Our intentions are good, but oftentimes, we miss the message. Without getting into

next week's lesson, what exactly does Jesus say the message is? The message is love Him, yourself and others. With that being the case, how can a believer not care what happens to his/her brother or sister? In recent weeks, believers have shown an ugly, selfish, uncompassionate side of themselves that counters everything that Jesus stands for. Luke 12:48 states that to whom much is given, much is required. Those are the words of Jesus, not mine! As we seek Jesus, we must realize that He is more than a miracle worker. He is the Salvation of the whole world not just the United States.

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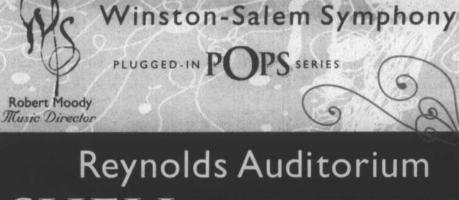
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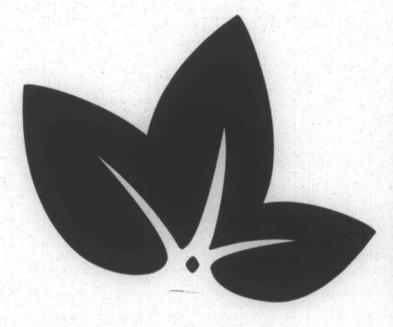
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