

These are just a few photos of my trip to Yunnan Province in March, 2009 with two painter friends. All photos are copyright of Kathryn Townsend, 2009.



Yu Hu Village near Lijiang where we stayed in a guest house and painted models from the village in the courtyard. The village lies just below Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.



Garden of a woman we met in a nearby village.



On the trail up Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. This is as far as we got, having started out late in the afternoon. Tim is holding the package of cookies.



Great bend in the Yangtze River on the way to Deqin.



15,000 foot pass between Zhongdian (Shangrila) and Deqin.



Road to the village along the Lacang River (Mekong), a basically one lane gravel road that drops about 2000 feet straight down to the river.

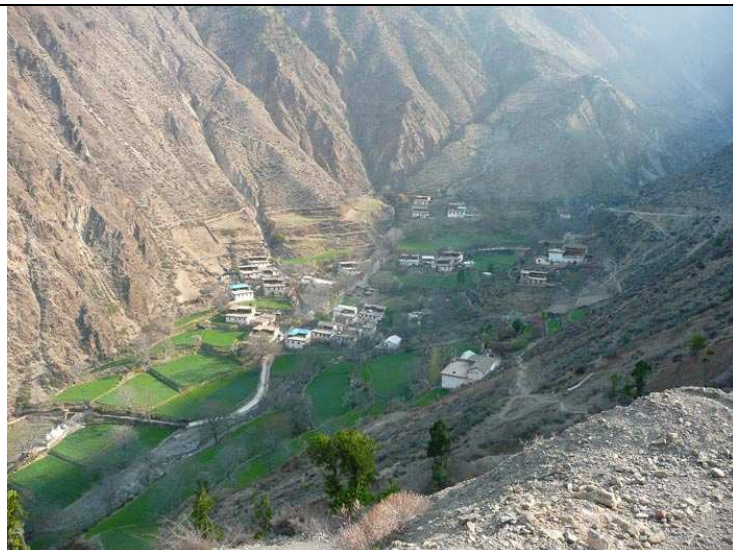




Looking down at the river from the road on the cliff side of the car.



No, we were not in an airplane—this photo was taken from the car looking down at the village we were heading to. When Barry asked the driver to slow down, the driver laughed at him and told him to shut his eyes.



We stayed with one of the 35 families that lives in this village.



Sitting outside the house with one of the grandfathers of the Tibetan family.



View of Meili Snow Mountain from the house. Meili Snow Mountain is considered holy by the Tibetans who make a pilgrimage around the mountain (which is several peaks) every year.



Bringing in the goats.





Goats, cows, pigs and chickens live on the ground floor of the house and courtyard.



Grandma and daughter-in-law preparing vegetables from the garden for dinner.



One of our models.



About halfway down the path to the river where there are cultivated fields.



Barry painting.



Lush gardens in the village.





Top of the knoll seen in the above photo.



We were given bedrooms that opened onto the roof of the house.



Main peak of Meili Snow Mountain from the road out of Deqin.