

### Leg 3 Day 8 Quin'an to Xian

We woke up to a huge open air market going on in the streets, with everyone working hard to sell their produce, having lugged them in from all over the province..

We were met at the repair yard by a trailer from the dealership and after a while went our separate ways.

Not much improvement to the roads; at points it was evident that the roads shown on maps were still under construction !

Getting more and more evidence of infrastructure investment and more industrialisation / population.

We would be held up in a jam on the highway looking up at the huge support towers where the new superhighways will run. It dawned on me that the route we were taking, however tortuous would soon be superseded by the highways so that people following would probably not experience the same life events as we were. Off-roading once again on the menu and the scenery awesome. Picture taking had reduced as you can get blaze about everything you see over and over.

Eventually we reached Xian circa 20:00 – still dark but we were pre-booked into a 3\* hotel with guaranteed hot water (£40 for a twin room). Xiao knew that there was a famous Emperors restaurant that specialised in dumpling banquets so off we went – food was excellent. Being a big city the hope was to eat and then shop but even here the places close early – at least it saves money.