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Villages Boogie-woogie
Grandma’s Wishlist

I wish I can meet my friend often.
I wish I can read more books.
I wish I can share my stories with my friends.
I wish I can have a moving market.
I wish I could watch movie with my friends every week.
I wish I could play dramas in a theater.

One Year of Grandparents

My grandparents live in a small village near Zhejiang, China. They live far away from the cities and from their children. They live with their grandsons and the farm lands.

Winter
January/February
Spring Festival with children and grand children

November/December
Staying at home alone

Spring
March/April
Farming Field Work

Autumn
September/October
Farming Field Work

Over 80% population living in Chinese rural areas are people over 60 years old.
72% of their children are working in the big cities.
89% of Chinese villages do not have direct public transportation to the cities.
89% of Chinese villages do not have internet.
Villages boogie-woogie Schedule:

October to March
Volunteers will come to each village every month, will bring assembly parts and instructions and teach people how to assemble the boogie-woogie vehicle.

April to September
Volunteers will come every three months, and they will bring new assembly parts and repair the broken ones. Books and other donated things will also be brought to the villages.

The whole year
Senior people will host festivals and markets by riding the vehicle around nearby villages. Different skills and products can be exchanged and traded.
Product Assembly Instruction

Step 1
Detached the two wheels of the bike.

Step 2
Weld five bikes with one front wheel and two back wheels, based on the instruction.

Step 3
Assemble reassembled bamboo, wood and wheels together based on the instruction.

Step 4
Assemble bamboo sticks and other parts together following the instruction.

Step 5
Assemble Step 2, 3, 4 based on the instruction.

Material Collection from Village

By interviewing my grandmother, some forgotten objects are found in the village. These are the basic material for constructing the mobile architecture. First, the bikes are recycled to assemble a bicycle for 5 people, therefore it is easier to ride for old people. Second, platform and places are attached to the bicycle to allow multiple activities. These are made by weaving bamboo and recycled wood. Third, some objects for entertainment are collected, such as old film projector and traditional drama costume, to enrich the activities.

The assembly will be taught by volunteers, and then it will be feasible for those old people with basic tools.
In the daytime, old people crowd around the boogie-woogie vehicles, market, playing drama, eating, chatting and relaxing.
At night, they sit with their grandchildren, watch movies around the vehicle.
Say Farewell and about travel...

My travel destinations are cities and villages in South America, because of their lively culture for old people, and their festivals. Also, many non-profit organizations are based there, and they offer several programmes to help local people, including senior people. The other destinations are North-Europe, such as Switzerland and Finland, because they have very good social security system for senior citizens.