

Ganzi: the first time (7/24/07)

We arrived in Ganzi to find better weather and a city spectacularly set on in river valley over looked by jagged snow capped peaks. We also got the chance to see a warm up for Yushu horse festival as we arrived fro the last day of the Ganzi horse festival. We got into Ganzi late since we had caught the very last bus, watching five previous buses sped past us as we attempted to wave a Kanding to Ganzi bus down in Tagong. The late arrival plus the horse festival meant our hotel accommodations were limited. Although we didn't try that hard we ended up sharing a 3 bed "room" with a German woman we met on the bus that was pretty basic for Josh. Especially the toilet which was a three undivided Asian toilets which were connected by a slanted groove which "in theory" was suppose to channel the feces out. In practice there were large piles of excrement which gave the bathroom a less than stellar smell. The next day we splurged for a 20 dollar room in the nice hotel complete with hot shower large soft beds.



Road from Tagong to Ganzi.



Our "homely" accommodation in Ganzi on the first night.



**Snow covered peak,
Ganzi.**



**Spectators at the
horse festival in
Ganzi.**



Rider demonstrating his riding ability by hanging off the side of the horse at the horse festival in Ganzi.



Horse festival Ganzi.



Monastery in Ganzi.



**View from the
Monastery in Ganzi.**



**Prayer flags on a hill
above Ganzi.**



Prayer flags above Ganzi.



**Its hard work being a pilgrim,
Ganzi.**



New stupa, Ganzi.



Monks in Ganzi.