Guigang City, also known as Guixian, is situated in the southern part of China's Guangxi Autonomous Region in southwestern China.

Despite its population of more than 1.8 million people, few outsiders visit Guigang, which is located on the banks of the Yangtze River, 155 km (96 miles) east of the provincial capital, Nanning. As a result of its comparative backwardness, foreigners who spend time in Guigang are inevitably met with interested stares from the locals, some of whom may have never seen a Westerner before.

Guigang is on the mainline towards the Guangdong city of Zhanjiang and Hainan Island. Five trains per day stop at Guigang. Nanshan Park, on the southern edge of the city, is a collection of karst hills, caves and rock formations. Apart from Nanshan Park, there is little in Guigang to attract tourists. From a Christian perspective, however, Guigang is home to a fascinating array of precious, needy people. In addition to the more than 70% Han Chinese majority, the city also boasts more than 400,000 ethnic Zhuang people.

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