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The word Coke in Chinese can be literally translated as "could be happy" and Xue describes himself as "the boy who could always be happy," even when trapped under a heap of rubble.

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The quake struck Sichuan Province and neighboring regions at 2:28 p.m. on May 12, 2008, when Xue was having a chemistry class. The floor disappeared from under him and he fell into darkness.

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He stayed trapped for 80 hours. To keep him awake, the rescuing armed police officers talked with him. "They told me that they were going to buy me a Coke when I came out," he recalled. In return, Xue promised to give them ice cream.

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He got his Coke in hospital, but regrets that he didn't get a chance to buy his rescuers ice cream. Traumatized, he lost his right arm, and a girl he had been in love with.

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In the first year after the quake, Xue was sentimental, writing from time to time on his blog. "Then I gave up," he said. "I learned to keep the sentiment in the heart."

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In the following years, he studied in Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and engaged in social welfare projects with the Coca-Cola company.

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"It was then I had a chance to know more about the company, and gradually I got interested in it," he said.

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After graduation, he joined the company, and now works in the Chengdu office.

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Sometimes he feels that the shadow of the earthquake is fading. His parents resumed work and moved to a new home in 2009. He used to mourn his deceased friends each year on May 12, but his job has prevented him from going home in recent years.

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When he has time, he watches TV, parties with friends, or goes to the gym. He has put on weight during the past eight years.

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His two roommates in Chengdu remind him of the quake. "One of them was buried in the same ruins as me," Xue said. They sometimes talk about the darkest moments, but no longer with heavy hearts.

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"In the future I will tell my children about that earthquake," he said. He also wishes for "a girlfriend in the next two years, and to work hard in the company."

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Asked about his troubles, he shook his head. "No, I don't have any," he said. "Oh wait, I need to lose weight."

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