

My Exciting Homestay

By a Spring 2010 student



I stayed at my host family's home from March 25th to 28th. This was the first time for me. The members of my host family are Marjorie (mother), Brad (father), and Brandy, their daughter. Although Marjorie's family is huge, there were only these three members at home when I stayed with them. I had a really good time there.

When I arrived at their house, Brad welcomed me and told me a joke. He always tells jokes, but I didn't understand most of them. Marjorie's family had no end to their laughing. On Friday night, I made pizza. It was very delicious. I ate it while watching a movie called "27 Dresses." I played billiards with them. It was very difficult for me, but Brad and

Marjorie taught me and at last I could put the ball in the pocket!! I was glad because they were happy together.

Next, I talked with Marjorie, Brad, and Brandy about Japanese lifestyle and culture, and about Marjorie's family and Spokane. Their talk was very interesting for me. We talked until almost 1:00 a.m. I was very relaxed when I slept, and I snored. (Sorry, Ayana!)

The next day, we visited Marjorie's sister. We played soccer. Her sis good at playing any sports! In the evening I went to Gonzaga University and downtown with Marjorie's family. Then I took a walk while I listened to Marjorie's explanations. Expo was held at Riverfront Park in 1974. My host mother talked about the Japan pavilion. On Sunday morning, I went to church with them.

I received a palm leaf because the day was Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is 7 days before Easter. I sometimes didn't know what to do and I was confused, but Marjorie whispered into my ear many times. The church was small, but it has a relaxing atmosphere.

One kind older woman spoke to me. She spoke English with an East Coast accent, because she is from Boston. Her accent was very different. She spoke a little fast and I couldn't follow her. I had a good time, and I learned many things from this great experience. I'm very happy to meet them!

