

Hello. My name is Yuki. Do you ever think about travelling abroad? I think that travelling abroad is everything I could possibly dream of. I enjoyed it very much. In fact, it wasn't easy. First, I went to a school in Vancouver for 2 weeks. When I arrived in the Vancouver airport, I had a feeling of homesickness. During the first hours, because I don't have enough English, I couldn't talk to anyone. After that, we moved from Vancouver to Chilliwack, It took an hour by car. Next, the host family was so cheerful and so kind to me. My host family consists of father, mother, twins boys (age 13), another brother (age 10), and a sister (age 8). The twins are the same age as my brother. I went to school with my host sister every morning. The school has students from kindergarten to grade 12. The parents drive their children to school every day. I took math, science & technology, PE, Bible, ESL, portfolio, cooking, and English Communications. I had a lot of homework, but my friend helped me. Every Wednesday in math class, we have to hand in our math workbook. The math teacher was my host father. My favorite subject is Bible. This class is about our relationship with God. It was the first time for me to study about God, so it was difficult, but I enjoyed it. We had to do a scripture test. I remember that learning about the Bible was always so hard for me. My school just had volleyball club, so I didn't join. Anyway, every Sunday, I went to Church with my host family, and we sang songs and listened to Bible teachings.

My favorite memories are Super Hero day, Halloween, and Christmas. At Christmas time, I went to a cabin with my host family. Super Hero day we wear the clothes that our "Super Hero Day" wore. We had to do classes all day wearing our Super Hero clothes. It was so much fun, because there were all kinds of Super Heroes. For Halloween, I dug out a pumpkin, and I cut a pumpkin face into the pumpkin. I lit a candle in the pumpkin. At night, we went from house to house gathering treats for "trick or treat." We got a lot of candy. I got about 187 different candies. We had to dress in a costume to do this. We went from 6:30~9:00 P.M. It was so fun and I was so tired. Japan doesn't have costumes or Halloween parties. It is good memory for me. When it was Christmas, I woke up about 9 o'clock. After that, we exchanged Christmas presents. On Christmas Eve, my host mother's parents came to our house, and we had a Christmas party. We ate a chicken and played the games. The next day, we went to my host father's parent's house, and we had another Christmas party. I got lots of Christmas presents. For example: Canadian notes, maple syrup, blankets, T-shirts, A trainer and socks...etc. The last day of the year, we went skiing.

We were sliding from 9 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night. My host father, mother and the twin boy were snowboarding. I went to the cabin with my host family on Jan.1. It was -15 degrees. There was a lake behind the house. It had too much snow on the ice, so we cleaned the snow off the ice. After that, we played ice hockey on the lake.

Do you know ice hockey rules? They're much the same as soccer rules. Japan doesn't watch ice hockey, but Canadians do. It is so popular. It was first time for me, and I enjoyed to playing ice hockey. I stayed there for a week.

I went to Oregon in United State from Jan.24 to 26. I learned about the Bible there. We sang songs, watched a concert, and listened to Bible teachings about God. It so enjoyed it for 3 days. In Japan, I don't feel there is any religion in my life, but Canadian people believe God in the Christian faith. I studied about God in the Bible class, so I understand about God a little bit. Just now I think I'll try to experience everything I can in Canada.

Finally, thank you for being my Kiyomatu teacher, Shiraku teacher, oki teacher and Simon teacher. I think I have many good memories, and I want to say, "Thank you very much" to my mother for letting me go there for five months.