

Flat Briyanna in Hawaii

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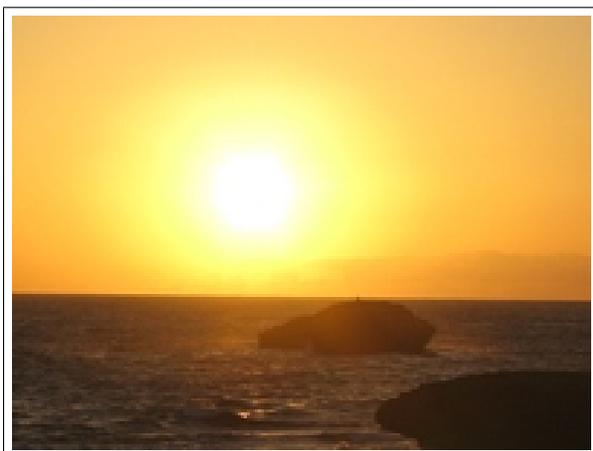
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1 My First Morning 29 Mar 2012

The rosters woke me early in the morning.

Grandma and I decided to go watch the sunrise. Can you see me standing on that big rock way out in the ocean?



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We are out on "The Point" standing in front of part of Mo'o, the Lizard. The legendary warrior, Kana easily defeated the Mo'o taking its head. He chopped it into five pieces and flung them into the ocean. The pieces of the lizard's head can still be seen today as five small islands lying off-shore. Scary, I'm glad I have Grandma with me.



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When we got home, Grandma let me feed the cats. Here is am with Mika. She sure is big, but feels soft.



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2 Bananas and Flowers

Grandpa took me to the backyard and showed me the banana plants that he is growing. Isn't he funny wearing a shirt with blue banana plants?



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He showed me other flowers. Here is a hanging heliconia.



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And a double hibiscus.

Grandma showed me the bougainvillea and a blue flower but she doesn't remember its name.



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Here is the Hawaii State Flower; the yellow hibiscus.



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And the bird of paradise is interesting looking.



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Grandma went to the Flea Market and bought a few things. They have so much for sale there.



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3 Polynesian Cultural Center



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I am so excited to go to the Polynesian Cultural Center. It is like going to eight countries all at once. I got a map it is so big.



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We looked in the gift shop. Look what fun things they have.



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Carved turtles, warrior chess sets, and art of volcanoes that are not where I'm at. I'm glad.



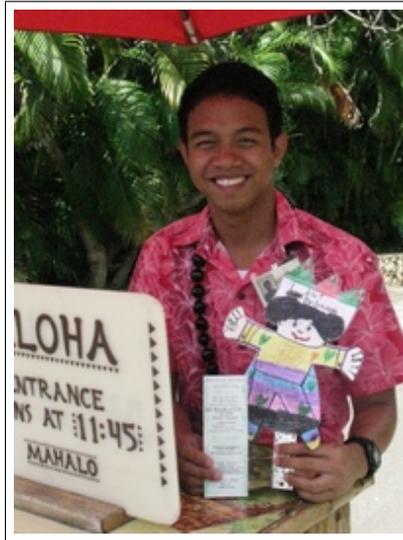
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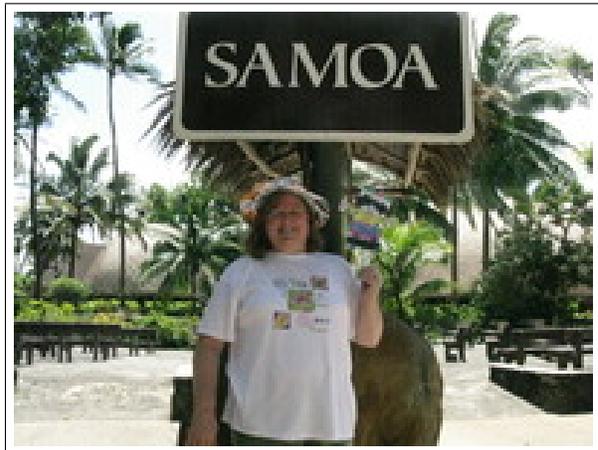
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We are going to the village of Samoa first.



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Time to show my ticket.



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A man was beating a drum.



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One man was making coconut milk out of grated coconut. That looked hard "milking" the coconut.



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Next we went to Aotearoa. You may know it as New Zealand.



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It was hot and we needed a pina colada. Doesn't everyone that goes to Hawaii need one?



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The lady has black lipstick on. I don't think she buys it, I think she makes it. They try to look ferocious to scare their enemies. She does have a nice smile, though, so I think I'm okay.



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I played a game with sticks that you toss to each other.



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And thought about throwing spears. This man thought I should.



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I tried playing with balls, that they called poi.



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Their ceilings are interesting with paintings on the beams that tell a story.



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This long canoe was made for King George, but he died and it was buried in a field. A farmer found it and it was restored and sent to the Polynesian Cultural Center.



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These trees are called walking trees. Funny, huh?



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Aotearoa was fun!



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Next we went to Fiji. There we were greeted by a nice lady.



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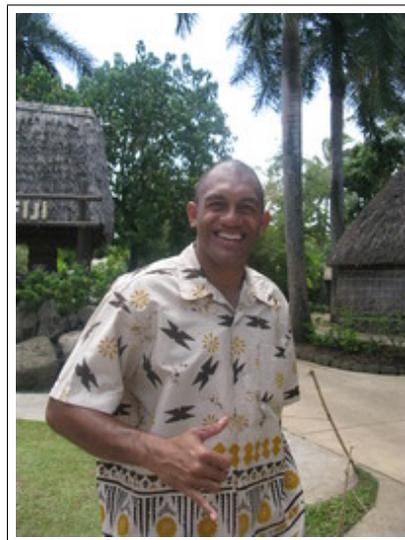


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A nice man took my picture with Grandma, so we took his picture.



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This is a Fijian Temple. It is very tall.



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They play music with these instruments.



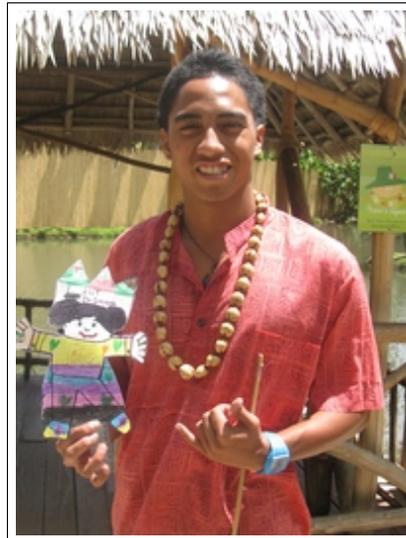
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Tahiti is a fun place to go, but I didn't see anyone shaking their hips dancing while I was there. I did see their headdress and grass skirts, though.



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This man asked me if I wanted to go fishing. And a girl told me I could buy some fish food to feed the fish.



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There were lots of fish, but I'm not sure you can see them with the reflection of the water.



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Then we went to Hawaii.

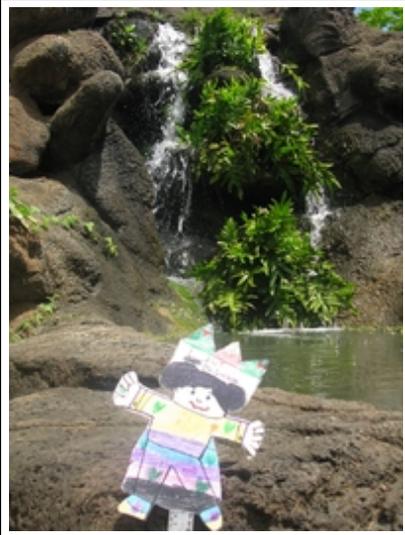


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They had a boat there and a waterfall.



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We went inside one hut and they had some red head-dresses that the royalty wore, and a yellow cape that they wore. They had pictures of their royalty on the wall.



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There was a big boat called the Iosepa. It is a sailing vessel, and goes out in the ocean. It has traveled to islands far away. It will probably go out again in August. Grandma has watched them launch it several times.



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There was this cool bird. We got closer and closer. Then it took off.



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We went to Tonga.



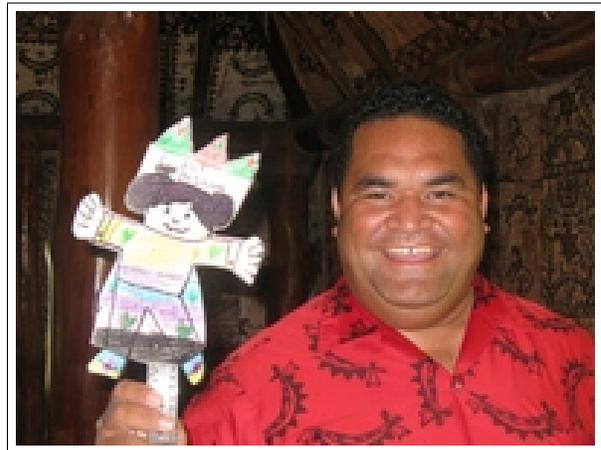
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Their King died recently so the hut was decorated in his honor for his funeral.



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Now they will get a new king, as Tonga is a Monarchy. Inside their huts they hang painted tapa cloth.



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Here two ladies are dressing me for my picture. They were very nice.



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Grandma saw one of her neighbors working in Tonga. She was weaving. She was showing me the plants they use to weave.



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I finally go to go on a canoe.



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And there was a lady making shell leis.



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There were ladies that quilt and sew all day long. They gave me a lei. Don't I look Hawaiian now?



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This tree is famous for two reasons. One is because of its shape. It starts on one side of the creek and goes to the other side and curls around. Trees don't normally grow that way. Another reason that it's famous is that Elvis Presley sat on it while he made a movie.



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http://loiscolton.com/histories/flatbriyanna/IMG_8499.jpg So I had to go sit on it also, so I can be famous.

I had to look at it from different angles. Rapanui is an Island that you may know as Easter Island. They are known for their Moai (heads). Archeologists have discovered that the "head" actually have bodies underground and they have excavated a couple.



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Every job has it's hazards. While these canoe pushers were going under a bridge. One lost his pole and his balance. It created a "boat jam" They were laughing and having fun. One of them fell into the water.

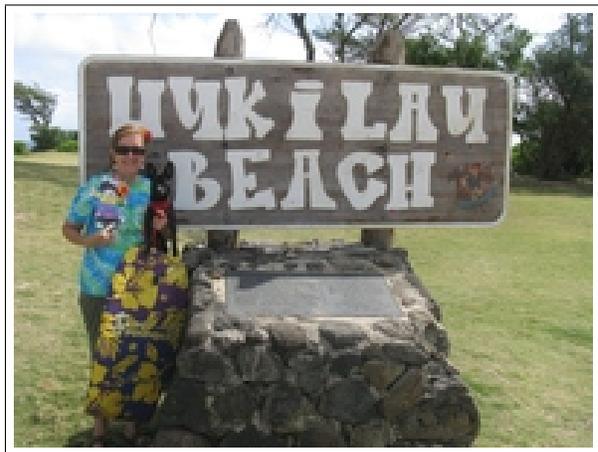


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It was a long day, but lots of fun. I like being with Grandma and Grandpa.



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http://loiscolton.com/histories/flatbriyanna/IMG_8516.jpg I got to meet Aunt Cindy and Tom Tom. Tom Tom is sure fast and fun. We went to the famous Hukilau Beach. I felt like singing.



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I got to try boogie boarding. AHH.. It was hard to keep your balance.



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I nearly fell over, but then I got better.



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http://loiscolton.com/histories/flatbriyanna/IMG_8537.jpg Yeah, I did it!
All's well that ends well.



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I met a boy that was on vacation. We played in the sand together. He had dug a big hole and was sitting in it. We worked on it together. Later he found a crab and showed it to me.



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Grandma and I went back into the water. She got all wet and sure looked funny.



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Now I need to go home and clean up. Pretty soon I will be heading back to Arizona.



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We played with Tom Tom a little longer. He ran and ran around us in circles.