

## **Friday, June 2, 2006**

Hi everyone! I made it to Florida safe and sound. I was dying to get out of the box because it was 92 degrees in this part of Florida; it felt like 100 degrees in the box. But I had to wait because Sory wasn't home from work yet. So she made it home around 4:30, and I was sweating up a storm. She got so excited and wanted to open the box I was in, and her husband Larry was right by her side and wanted to see me so badly. Finally Sory got me out of my box and my traveling things and she just loved my long hair. She said I was lovely, and so did Larry. I think Larry likes me. He picked up my journal and said that I have been to more places than he has!!! That was funny. After that, I got to rest a bit because I was tired and Sory is sick with a temperature, and a cold and she didn't feel like playing with me, nor introducing me to my new friends, so she said for me to rest and tomorrow we will do fun stuff and meet the other girls. I got to meet Cheri, she is Sory and Larry's daughter. She is a fun girl. She got home really late from church and she was very interested in my journal. She said my hair was lovely. I was going to wink at her but I was afraid I would scare her. I didn't get to meet the South Korean exchange student because she was sleeping over at a friend's house. I did meet Sory & Larry's pets. First there is Pepsi; she is a corgi/terrier mix. But Sory didn't let her near me because even though Pepsi is a friendly girl, Sory was afraid she would mess me up. Then I met their cockatiel. She is a nice bird. Her name is Tyson because she moves her head just like the boxer. I thought that was funny. Then we went to bed because we were all so tired and poor Sory felt so sick. I am so excited because I am looking forward to all the things I can do. Best of all, we have alot of people visiting and I will be able to meet them. Until tomorrow when I will write more, take care!!! I will send some pictures soon. Maybe Sunday.

## **Saturday, June 3, 2006**

Hey, everyone, how is everyone doing? I am just great. It has been cloudy here in Hernando, Florida where Sory lives. But guess what? Sory went to buy me some things. I got some sunglasses (they are pretty big for me, but they match my dress wonderfully). I got a shot glass from Florida and a pair of sneakers that fit me. I also got two postcards. I will take pictures of everything soon. Oh, and the best thing is I got a pet!!!! I have a beautiful dog with his own house. I hope Beth doesn't mind, because I just love him. I haven't named him yet but I will let you know his name soon. Also I had a scary experience, I met Wylie. Well, Wylie is an alligator. I thought he was going to eat me. But he is friendly and all he does is lie in his hammock and read his book. He is fun. Oh, and my new friends gave me a gift, I got a little Ms. Alexander doll from McDonald's. I just love my new doll. We are going to have a party tonight, and we will have something to eat from Kentucky, but only me and the girls not the grown ups. Cheri is gone to a church concert with Nayeun. I still haven't met her (the South Korean student). She is at Disney today and will come home tonight. So I will get to meet her then, if I am not sleeping because it will be around 1:00 am when she

gets home. Boy, these two girls are so busy!!! Then tomorrow, it's off to church.... then Monday to the airport because Nayeun leaves for South Korea. Sory and Larry have an agenda for me. Oh, and I got to meet Uncle Bill and Aunt Shirley. They are Larry's brother and sister in law. They are fun people.

This is a picture of Cheri, she is such a nice young lady.... she actually held me and said my hair was just beautiful.



This is Sory's hubby, I think he really likes me, he keeps telling Sory she has to take me places, LOL...he has a really nice sense of humor and he is so funny.



Pepsi is a Corgi/Terrier mix and so lovable. She really likes playing and being pampered.



This is Tyson, Larry and Sory's Cockatiel; she moves her head just like the boxer and that made me laugh so much.



This is Wylie, at first I was afraid of him.... but as you see, all he does is lie around in his hammock and read his book. He is fun to be around and gave his best smile for this picture. Alligators are cool.



This is Uncle Bill and Aunt Shirley. They live down in North Port Florida. They are so funny and have a great sense of humor. Uncle Bill has his own Karaoke show and sings really nice.

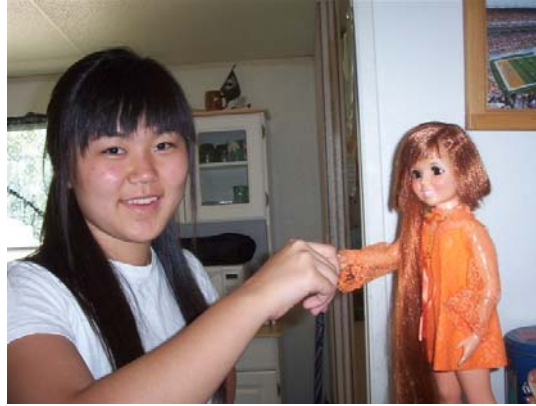


These are some of the girls...as you can see they gave me a doll all my very own, it is a MA McDonald's doll. I just love her. That girl to my left is a Dollikin, her name is Kathy, she and I are best buds now. All the girls are so nice; we had a ton of fun.



**Saturday, June 3, 2004**

Hi everyone, I finally met my new South Korean friend. Her name is Nayeun Park (pronounced Pak). She is from Seoul and she is 17 Years old here in the U.S, but in Korea she is 18 because South Koreans skip one year so when you are born you are actually a year old. Isn't this awesome? It all has to do with way back in the day children dieing before they reached a year old, so they thought if they skipped a full year the child would have more chance of survival. I am so happy I learned this!!! She is the daughter of a minister and she has 4 sisters who are older than her and a brother that is younger. She has two nephews. Oh, and guess what? I know that in South Korea I would be considered a inhyeong, that means doll. Isn't that just too special? Maybe one day I will be able to travel to Seoul South Korea and see her again!!!!



**Sunday, June 4, 2006**



The girls and I had a tea party today. As you can see I thought we were just having tea, but to my surprise, they had this big milk shake for me. Mmmmmm, it was so good.



After these treats, the girls and I went to have some fun, we had a great ride on a giant caterpillar, and his name is Willy. This was so much fun, and I didn't fall once.



Everyone in this house is a Pittsburgh Steeler fan; here I am with some memorabilia of the Steelers.



I had to make a phone call to Beth, but she was not home. I got to meet Goofy though, he was trying to get a nap but I wouldn't let him.



I also got to email my journal to Beth, that way I keep track of my travels.



### **Monday, June 5, 2006**

Today I went to work with Sory. She works virtually alone. So we had time to take some pictures and to get to enjoy one another's company. Sory works at a Presbyterian Church in the small town of Dunnellon Florida. This church was built in 1894 and was incorporated in 1895. It is located in the Historical District. Sory took some pictures of me in front of the church and on the base of the flag Pole. It is a very nice old church; it was a very nice feeling being there. It is all so quite and calm. I have a postcard and some information of the church.





We got up at 5:00 a.m. this morning because we took Na Yeun to the airport. She was heading back home. I wasn't in the picture because, well, someone had to take the picture. Here is Sory, Na Yeun and Larry saying good bye.



**Tuesday, June 6, 2006**

Oh, I didn't tell you, I have a room all to myself and a big bed to sleep in. That feels really good. Today, the girls and I have been playing with the gifts I got



from Sory. I love, my new puppy, I forgot to tell you his name is Brownie. He is such an adorable little dog.





My new friends were just so friendly and they have made me feel so welcomed. They are a fun bunch of girls and so pretty. But I have this faint idea that they look so familiar. It is like a déjà vu' kinda thing. I wonder why they look as if I had met them before. Weird, isn't it?

Today is **Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** and my trip is coming to an end. I have met Melody and Scott, Larry's and Sory's daughter and son in Law. Also I also met Brandon Anthony, Larry's and Sory's grand baby. Isn't he just too cute?



While I was here, I experienced the first hurricane of the season. Its name was Alberto. Its winds were 75 miles an hour. Thank God it didn't do any damage. I was getting scared, but Larry calmed us all down telling us there was no need to be afraid. We almost had to evacuate and go to a shelter but it didn't get as bad as we thought which was good. The wind was howling very strongly and it was raining a lot. Two days in a row it was like that. I was just so amazed at looking out the window and seeing the wind blowing so strong. Then on Wednesday, Thursday and today Friday, it has just been so very hot and humid.

I have also been just laying around in the sun, soaking up the sun. I don't know why I didn't get a sun-tan. Isn't that so strange? I have literally sat under a blazing sun and not even a sunburn, nor red cheeks.

I have enjoyed my time with Larry and Sory and their family and pets. It has been a nice time, just chillin' and being surrounded by so many family members. I had fun with my new friends and will always remember their great hospitality.

Now I move on to Maine with my new friend Peggie and her family. I have to go to bed early now. A long trip awaits me again. I will keep in touch and write. BYE from sunny Florida, from Citrus County and the City of Hernando.

xoxo,  
Crissy