

2013 Summer Adventure to Osaka



With another man also hitchhiking! His partner with him took the photo

Trip Highlights:

- I hitchhiked 1077 kilometers from Niigata to Osaka and back and though I was out for 4 days, I spent less than \$15 US. for food and a short train and bus help me on my way
- Got rides to areas only walking distance to the places I need to go.
- Met a man who picked me up some 15 years before! He asked a driver for me and found my next ride!
- Picked up by a group bus full of religious pilgrims! The driver asked me to pray for the trip just before we departed.



Megumi and Risa who took me to Otsu SA from Taga SA



A group bus and its driver, Kensuke Inoue. He took me from Otsu shiga prefecture (near Kyoto) all the way to Ishikawa Ken where he treated me to lunch. The passengers of the bus are of a religious sect of Shinto called "WorldMate".



Fumio and Yukimi Igawa and sons who took me to Oyabegawa in Toyama ken. One more son is in the car.



Atsushi, a man who said he picked me up hitchhiking some 15 years before!

He was not going far and so searched and found another driver to pick me up!



I actually got on this truck with the 666 license plate but got off before the driver left after learning he might not be stopping where I needed to get off! Significant, don't you think?