



Happy Holidays
from our family to
yours!

We are all US citizens now with Masanari and Masashige receiving their US Passports this summer. We plan to use them next summer on a trip to Japan to visit Misuzu's parents, her sister and brother-in-law and friends. The boys both speak Japanese and are looking forward to visiting their grandparents and Aunt Miyuki and Uncle Kazuo.

Misuzu arranged three Japanese songs performed this spring at Fresno State University by their choir and they were beautiful. Santa Barbara Music Publishing will publish the songs next year and a CD will be available (we think) with Misuzu playing the Oboe for one of the songs. The company specializes in choral music and has a web site if you have an interest, a choir and need sheet music.

Masashige is in ninth grade and is a member of the Spruce Creek Marching Band. He learned to play the alto saxophone because the marching band does not use his primary instrument, the oboe. He is an excellent student and enjoys his classes especially computer programming and Spanish. This year, Shige grew taller than Misuzu.

Masanari is in seventh grade and is still shorter than Misuzu but not for long (please don't tell Misuzu). He is reading a Harry Potter book for the second or third time and enjoyed the movie. Nari enjoys computer games, TV and helping people. He is less fond of homework. Both boys are happy and fun to be around.

Basketball season has started and the Embry Riddle Eagles are 9-3, I'll say no more. GO EAGLES! To quell the arguments at the YMCA noontime basketball games, I gave some of the guys copies of the 2002 NCAA Basketball Rules and Interpretations for Christmas. We still argue but in a much more informed way.

On December 19th, we fly to Colorado for a ski vacation at Copper Mountain and will return home December 27th. Misuzu and the boys have become avid skiers. We skied at Copper Mountain in March and had wonderful time.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Love,
Bill, Misuzu, Masashige and Masanari