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Dear Grandma,

We can't thank you enough for buying us this wonderful vacation in Hawaii. While Ichiro is off at meetings, the kids and I are free to enjoy a few days of nothing but sun and swimming.

We arrived this morning and couldn't wait to hit the beach. The air is so mellow and pure, compared to back home. Unfortunately, they don't allow swimming. The beach is nice, but it's hot and I would love to take a dip.

So instead, I packed up the kids and we set off to see Chinatown. But we didn't know that we should have gone to the bathroom before leaving the hotel. So when we got there, we knocked on one of the tents that had a sign in the front, "APEC Information 25 cents" to get directions to the nearest public restrooms. They pointed across the street to a parking lot. We were almost hit by a car while crossing. They don't seem to have any traffic laws here! The kids were crying when we got to the lot. And then we saw how other people were using the "facility"... I'll write more tomorrow.

Love, Michiko

