

VISITORS FROM TAIWAN

July 8 – 24, 2004

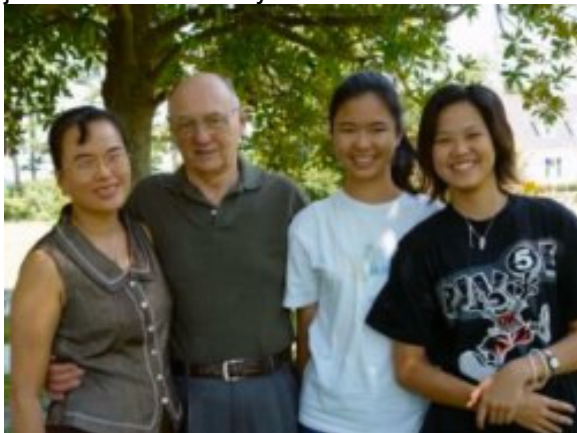
From Rod Dawson

On July 8, 2004, Wen-Yu, Jia-Jia and Chi-Chi arrived from Taiwan at the airport in Norfolk, VA. Sybil and I were on hand to meet them. Jeanne McCain, Ashley & Austin Corby and Troy Newkirk were also there to greet them with a big welcome sign!



After a day of rest, we went to Corolla on the Outer Banks to see the McCain cottage and went four-wheeling up the beach. The girls loved that ride, especially when we saw some of the wild ponies. We swam in the ocean and enjoyed a picnic on the beach.

Art and Anne arrived from Seven Lakes on July 13 to meet Wen-Yu and Jia-Jia and to see Chi-Chi. Then we took a tour of the town. Wen-Yu and the girls were surprised at the lack of traffic. Not at all like traffic in Taiwan. We had lunch at the Quality Seafood Restaurant. Edie Etheridge and Hugh and Jeanne McCain joined us. A fun day!



On the 14th, Sheri, Sybil's daughter and Kristi, granddaughter, arrived. We had dinner at McCain's that evening and Sybil's "kids" got to meet the rest of my clan. Jia-Jia and Chi-Chi fell in love with Kristi at first sight. That evening she took the girls "out on the town," We never knew what they did but the girls were happy! I think it was their first time out alone in the evening. They were thrilled.

During their visit with us, we took a boat ride on the Pasquotank River, attended church, spent time with my family and Sybil's family, too. We also went to Nags Head to climb Jockey's Ridge. When we got to the foot of the sand hill, Chi-Chi told us, "You have brought us to the desert!" At first they didn't want to climb the hill but Sybil told them the fun part was running back down. They loved that. After lunch we went to Manteo to see the museum and the girls had their picture taken in the jaws of a huge shark skeleton.

Jia-Jia and Chi-Chi spent several nights with Hugh and Jeanne. Hugh taught them to play poker. Actually he taught them to cheat at poker and took pictures of the girls with cards "hidden" all over their bodies!



July 22 was departure time. We left early in the morning but when we arrived at the airport, the flights to Newark had been canceled because of severe weather! Wen-Yu was in a panic but the kids were overjoyed because they could stay longer! They finally departed for Taiwan July 25. Their trip ended when Gin-Shui met them in Kaohsiung.