

Dear Potential Homestay Families:

Greetings from Japan!

Our name is Daisuke & Cheryl Ikegami. We will be bringing students for this year's homestay in Goodyear, AZ.

Have you ever wanted to do missions, but realized how difficult it would be since you have a family to support? Well, what if I told you that you could share your faith while staying in the comforts of your home and by using your daily life as a ministry tool? "How?" you might ask.

Let me explain...

In March, a small team from Young Life Japan will be bringing a group of Japanese college students to the States to give them an opportunity to participate in a Homestay Program. By allowing these students to be a part of your family, they will not only learn English better, but will also witness what a family centered on the love of Christ looks and feels like! As we all know, one of the most powerful ways to show the love of Christ is let people see the way we live. By setting an example, just as Jesus did, these students will want to know what makes you different. In some cases, this will be the first time that these students will have been exposed to Christianity. Isn't this exciting?

Now that you understand the potential of this program, are you ready to get involved? We hope so!

Apart from our time spent at the Grand Canyon, all the students will be with you on the west side of Phoenix. Because we know that weekdays are busy for you, we have planned many outside activities for the students to do. Our plan is to provide activities during the week to make it easier for you and then let you have control of the weekends. When the students are staying with you, please make them a member of your family. They will appreciate experiencing what it's like to be a part of an American family. We are also asking that you provide meals whenever the students are staying with you. They will want to cook a Japanese meal one night for you and your family while with you. Whenever the students are out with us or away from your home, they will be responsible for their own food. If, at any time, you experience difficulty communicating with the students, please don't hesitate to call us.

Thank you for considering to join our team and become a host family. We are so excited and are really looking forward to meeting all of you in March!

God bless you all,

Daisuke & Cheryl