

Friday February 8, 2008

The weather forecast was for hot and sunny, so we packed a picnic and headed for the beach. There were lots of people there, but the beach was very long, so we were able to find a spot where we could sit and watch the waves come in.







After lunch we took a very long walk on the beach. By then the wind had picked up, so we decided to pack up and head home. We had lots of fun getting the sand off our feet.

On the way home we did a bit of window shopping and bought some fresh Shrimp for supper. Yummy!!



Saturday February 9, 2008



The Marine Military Academy was our destination today. This is an independent, nonprofit, military, college - preparatory

boarding school for boys grades 8 through 12.





The wildlife refuge had special displays and demonstrations both inside and out. There were hundreds of children involved in lots of hands on activities.



There were also wildlife demonstrations that included an Eagle Owl with orange eyeballs as big as golf balls.



Texas is the only state that has wild ocelots. Unfortunately the lineup to see the ocelot from the Cincinnati zoo was over an hour long so we did not get to see this endangered species.

On the way out, we visited the Iwo Jima Memorial.

This is the original casting for the Monument that now stands in Arlington Cemetery in Washington. The statue commemorates the flag raising at Iwo Jima, Japan by six American Marines on February 19, 1945.



A recorded message on the path described the history of the statue.



The Memorial is 32 feet high with a 78 foot steel flagpole. The soldiers occupy the same positions as in Rosenthal's historic photograph taken when the flag was erected.



Sunday February 10, 2008

Pat and Pete took us to their Church in the morning. The Christian Fellowship Church has a congregation with more than a thousand people and the extremely large chancel was full to capacity. The service included lots of music performed by singers and some very talented musicians. A large screen TV took the place of the bulletin. The people were extremely friendly but as our religious background is conservative it was a quite a radical change for us.

Monday February 11, 2008

Time to do the laundry again. At the Laundromat we learned that the Tingo Internet at this park has been out of commission for a few weeks, which explains why we have not been able to get online here. According to some of our neighbours administration has promised to get things fixed soon. We are not going to hold our breath!

Tuesday February 12, 2008

The weather has been quite warm (mid to high 20's during the day) but the wind continues to blow so hard that it makes it very difficult to enjoy the great outdoors. We still go for walks with the dog, but can't even think about going for a bike ride!