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Carrie's memories of meeting President Barack Obama

Today we met Barack Obama. Before we met him, we had to get through lots of security. We couldn't bring bottles of water or umbrellas. We had to wait for two hours. Then a little bit after one we saw Emily and Nolen. Nolen was wearing a suit and Emily was wearing a dress and I was in my Hawaiian dress. President Obama was born in Hawaii and so was my dad. We played a little tips around the tree. We picked honeysuckle flowers and ate the honey out of them. There were only three or two or one droplets in the honeysuckles. In the toilets there were little changes. The changes were for the flusher, there was a little pump that you had to pull forward two times and then it will flush. There was also another change. At the sink there was another little pump behind it. You pulled the pump up and pushed it down and that made the water run. For the drinks, they had water and there were some cups and there were two kinds of jugs. One had a black button to push to get the water. The other had a little handle that you pulled forward to get the water in the cup. Once I did it. The second time, it wouldn't pour anything but once I tried the other one, it did.

We had an email that Chris and I were two of the people to stand in the front. I was in the very front because I was one of

the smallest. Heidi Paul, Nolen and Emily's mother, told me I had to go to the front row. We had to wait and wait and wait and wait. Then President Obama and the Ambassador and his family finally came out of the Ambassador's house. The Ambassador made a little speech. Then President Barack Obama came and did a speech. After he made his speech, he took his jacket off and then he came to the kids first and shook hands with us and talked to us. He said, "Hi, darling," to me. And I said, "Hello Barack Obama." Barack Obama said to Chris, "Hello there," and Chris said back, "Welcome to Australia, Barack Obama." I also took a couple of photos. Some of them are good and some of them you can't really see Barack Obama. Then after he shook some people's hands, he went inside the Ambassador's house. He dedicated a tree at the Embassy and it said his name on it. And then he left and we saw him in his car going to the airport. He was going to fly to Darwin. We had to wait a little bit before we left. After the yellow ropes went down, we got to run down the hill. When we came in we got four flags from America and when we came out we got nine more. It took 20 minutes to walk back to our car. I felt really happy because I have never ever met a president before.



