

## J. Lindsay's Biography 2010 and 2011:

In February of 2010, Becky and I spent a week in Rosarito, Mexico. There was a lot rain and big waves. However, we really enjoyed ourselves.



In March 2010, Becky's family got together for an anniversary in Twin Falls. Note that Becky's Aunt from New Zealand is in the photo. Cathy's two daughters are also in the photo.



**For our Wedding Anniversary of 2010, Becky and I went to the Fiji Islands. Here, we found a small Gilligan's Island to hang out. The island was 100m in diameter. Very relaxing!**



**In the summer of 2010, I guided some tours all over the West. Here, I'm at Bryce Canyon National Park where the landscape of brightly colored rock pinnacles, canyons, and ravines is a breathtaking spectacle. The canyon consists of a series of horseshoe-shaped amphitheataters carved from the eastern edge of the Paunsaugunt Plateau in Southern Utah.**



Here in the summer of 2010, I'm posing near Delicate Arch in Arches National Park, Utah.; This American landmark has appeared in an endless array of books, films, postcards and calendars. It has a span of about 10 meters and is 15 meters high.



**Twin Arches: Arches National Park**



Here, Canyonlands National Park, Utah; preserve a rugged landscape of colorful sandstones eroded into a showcase of geological wonders. I'm looking down into "The Island in the Sky".



Here in Capital Reef National Park, Utah; the spellbinding scenery has captivated the imagination of almost everyone. This is a look of the Temple of the Moon and Sun.



Here in Dinosaur National Park, I'm posing next a Fremont Native American Petroglyph named as "The Head-Hunter". However, I believe this a connection between the Utes and the Aztecs.



Teton National Park



**Firehole River and Prismatic Spring, at Yellowstone National Park, is a rainbow of colors---at it's center, where the water is hottest, it is deep blue, turning paler blue farther out, and then green at it's shallower, cooler edge where algae grows.**



**Still 2010, Mammoth Springs consist of about 50 colorful and fantastic looking hot springs bubbling up through the chalky bedrock of Yellowstone National Park.**



**Here, Hovenweep National Monument has built all there structures engineered to the stars, moon and sun. This is one of my favorite spots for Archeology and Astronomy.**



**Here the Petrified Forest National Park holds the largest and most beautifully preserved collection of petrified wood ever found. Some 225 million years ago, these trees were part of an ancient forest, which was home to giant fish-eating amphibians, large reptiles, and early dinosaurs.**



Here, at Mesa Verde National Park; the Anasazi has built these incredible 3 story structures.



Although not the largest terrestrial impact site, Meteor Crater (Arizona) is the best-preserved meteor impact site on Earth. 2010





**My 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party.**



**Late Winter 2010: The Saguaro National Park is part of the Sonora Desert that covers much of southwest America and northwest Mexico. The iconic Saguaro cactus---which can grow to a height of 15 m, weigh over 10 tons, and live up to 200 years---dominates the scenery.**



## Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah



New Years Day of 2011, I visit Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Arizona. I'm looking down on Spider Rock. The site is known to have been inhabited for more than 1500 years, and the remains of over 700 ruins, (including pit houses and pueblos) have since been found.



**Spring of 2011, Becky and I took a trip to Puerto Rico and visited the Arecibo Radio Telescope.**



**Additionally, we visited Diamond Falls and Sulfur Springs in St. Lucia. Diamond Falls are fed by sulfur springs that change the color of the water to bright shades of yellow, green and purple. It is touted as the world's only "drive-in" volcano.**



**While in St. Lucia, we visited The Pitons. The majestic twin peaks of Gros Piton and Petit Piton are recognized internationally and were formed from a volcanic eruption 30-40 million years ago.**



**Summer of 2011, I took a trip to China with Mike and Robert Stevens. Here, we're at Zhanjiajie National Forest Park. The most notable geographic features of the park are the pillar-like formations that are seen throughout the park. They are the result of many years of erosion. The weather is moist year round, and as a result, the foliage is very dense. Much of the erosion which forms these pillars are the result of expanding ice in the winter and the plants which grow on them. These formations are a distinct hallmark of where the famous movie "Avatar" was filmed. Another name is Wulingyuan Scenic Area, China.**



Pushing up through the mist to the south of the Yangtze River are 72 craggy peaks, known collectively as Yellow Mountain. They are made of granite which hardened from molten rock deep below ground. The overlying rocks have been eroded and washed away, and the exposed granite has been weathered into ragged cliffs and untidy pinnacle. Paths snake up among the peaks---the route to Tiandu Feng, involves a trek up 1300 steps and a tricky crossing of a ridge. Here, you can see my interpreter “Cui Li” managing the steps.



On the same mountain range, San Qing Shan, is the most beautiful place in the World. “Xanadu”.



Rows of steep-sided limestone hills rise from an otherwise flat landscape of paddy fields alongside a 120 km stretch of the Li River in southern China. The limestone was formed at the bottom of a warm, shallow sea about 300 million year ago, but earth movements pushed up the strata, and the wind, waves, and rain sculpted them into the shapes you see here. This is the Guilin Hills of China.



China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Guilin: Elephant Trunk Hill.



About 120 km southeast of Kunming, China, is a plateau with a strange “forest”. It is made of stone. The Lunan Stone Forest is made of limestone that have been weathered into hundreds of vertical-sided pillars and pinnacles with knife-like tops. This creates an ultimate labyrinth.



Jade Dragon Snow Mountain in China’s Yunnan Province has 13 peaks, which from a distance, resemble an undulating dragon’s back. Here, I’m standing next to Black Dragon Pool, Lijiang, China with Jade Dragon Snow Mountain in the distance.



At its narrowest, the world's deepest gorge is less than 30m from rim to rim. The Golden River, which carved the "Tiger Leaping Gorge" between the two mountains over five million years, runs as white-water rapids through most of the chasm, dropping steeply in three sections, the third of which is among the roughest set of rapids in the world.



Not far from "Tiger Leaping Gorge", a tranquil and beautiful region is found called Shangi-La. This is named from the James Hilton book "Lost Horizon". Below is a Naxi minority village, Tibet.





**Tiannamen Square, China. Across the street from “The Forbidden City”.**



**The Jianku Wild-Wall. “The Real Great Wall” in it’s original state that is 500 years old.**





**In October 2011, Becky and I stayed at Durango, Colorado and visited the strange rock formations and eroded landscape of the Bisti Badlands in New Mexico. The hills are made up of layers of sandstone, mudstone, coal, and shale that have been eroded into a maze of mounds, ravines, caves, and hoodoos.**



**Ten miles farther is the more remote De-Na-Zin Wilderness with similar formations.**



**On the way home from Durango, we visited the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. The Canyon was formed slowly when water and tumbling rock scoured down through hard crystalline rock. No other canyon in North America is as narrow or can equal its sheer vertical walls.**



**Over Thanksgiving 2011, Becky and I visited Oak Creek Canyon, near Sedona, Arizona. Becky is posing in the West Fork of Oak Creek Canyon, renowned as one of the most beautiful places in Arizona. The combination of the flowing stream, narrow cliffs, and the greenery of the woodland, make for astounding scenery.**

