# First Trip to Hawaii

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For our first ever trip to Hawaii Val and I and our 1 or 2 year old first son flew to Hilo and rented an old camper truck. We took about a week to drive all around the big island (this was before the lava flows cut off the southern part of the route) and camped on beaches. The camper was perfect for our toddler because it had a bathroom, a shower, a bed, and a kitchen – and it was always right on a beach. The only imperfection in the plan surfaced one morning when the truck refused to start. After spending a morning rebuilding the carburetor of that old Ford V-8 we resumed our frugal journey ending successfully back in Hilo.