

## For the Iwakiris

# *It was a happy holiday*

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BOISE, Idaho — It would be hard for another family to match the jubilation at the Boise home of Mike and Juanita Iwakiri on Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday.

The Iwakiris, both in their early 30s, have two sons, Kelly, 8, and Jerry, 2. The youngest child was eight months old when second-degree kidnapping charges were filed against his mother for concealing two San Bernardino girls during a 2½-year period in the day-care center Mrs. Iwakiri operated in Boise.

After spending four months in

prison and two years in and out of courtrooms and jails, Mrs. Iwakiri was free on probation and reunited with her husband and two children.

"I feel better than yesterday," said Mrs. Iwakiri the day after she was released from the Northern Idaho Correctional Institution. "It's not as scary as I thought it would be."

Because Mrs. Iwakiri was away for much of the time in jails, courtrooms and during her six-week jury trial in Boise, her sister