

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

Well, it seems as if 2019 has just flown by, and we have had a wonderful year. We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and thank all of those individuals and churches who have sent presents and given financial gifts. We truly appreciate your faithful prayers and support through the years, and the extra gifts are such a great blessing to us.

We still have people talking about our revival meetings, and the other Baptist churches on the island are wanting to plan another for 2020. We desire to write and translate a new gospel tract into Kosraean this coming year. The tract would be one that each of the churches could use while visiting every house in Kosrae. I plan to work with the other pastors and personally go with them. Would you pray for this endeavor, and that God would do a work in a very religious Kosrae?

The jail ministry has been going well. We have been rotating four different men, and our group at the jail has increased. In the first week, we had twelve men in prison, and my last week there, the jail was maxed out at twenty-two men. Three weeks ago, our ministry was told that the jail was closed to visitors because of a dengue fever outbreak.

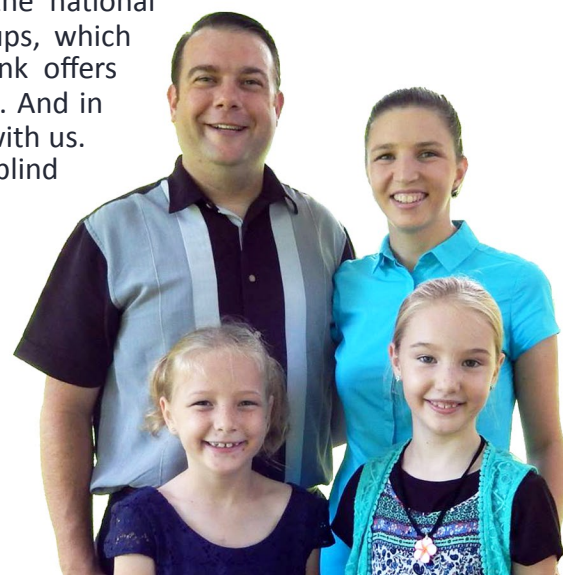
Kosrae has only had two confirmed cases, but they say it is the worst strain of dengue. Because of the outbreak, they have sent the schools home early and released the government employees from their regular hours. We don't know if it is because of the two cases or that everyone wants a few more days off school and work, but we have not been allowed back to the jail until further notice. The jailor and officers on duty listen in to our services as well.

Kosrae has started to celebrate Thanksgiving as well, so we had a service at church. We cooked our turkey and ham in an underground oven, which makes for great flavor. Most of our church was in attendance, and we went around the table and asked what each was thankful for. It is a great blessing to see growth in our people's lives. Pray for them as each one has trials.

Our first youth group service did not go well, as all the youth forgot about it. But we had seven in attendance for our second service. Along with the children, youth are often overlooked in Kosrae. One young man, who lived near the church, committed suicide just a couple of weeks ago. It is so sad to see young people without hope. The young people left excited, and we hope to continue to grow this ministry and reach the next generation!

Christmas time in Kosrae is by far the biggest holiday. One of the national churches requires each lady to sing in at least four different groups, which means they need a different dress for each group. Our local bank offers Christmas loans, and people spend lots of money to impress others. And in all this, most miss the true reason for Christmas—Emmanuel—God with us. Please pray as we continue to shine the truth to a religious, but blind island.

Until Christ Comes,
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