

# Merry Christmas

December 2021

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

Thank you so very much for praying for our return. We are pleased to say that we are finally in Kosrae. PRAISE THE LORD! It was a long trip, but thankful to be back to the place that God has called us to serve Him. We had some bumps on the way, but God saw us through, and we are rejoicing to be in our home for the last week.

In our last prayer letter, we told you about the positive test in Guam. Originally, we only planned to stay in Guam for 11 days but ended up staying there for a total of 32 days. We all tested negative twice during our second 10-day quarantine and had to be on the bus before 6 am on November 15. Our group of 40 had to stay together in the airport, but they did allow us to buy something to eat in the airport (this was a great blessing because we had rice 28 times out of the thirty meals in quarantine).

We had scheduled stops in Chuuk and Pohnpei, but then we would be in Kosrae! Before takeoff in Pohnpei, one of the seats in the cockpit would not buckle properly, so they looked for spare parts. Unfortunately, this was not one of the spare parts they kept on the plane. Nine hours later, and due to the delay, we could not land in Kosrae because Kosrae's landing lights do not work! So, we flew back to Guam, and 20 hours after leaving our quarantine facility, we were back.

After about a four-hour nap, we were back on the bus before 6 am and repeated the process all over again, but this time we were able to leave Pohnpei and land in Kosrae. We were loaded on a school bus from the airport and headed to the quarantine facility with a police escort (brand new trucks and motorcycles) sirens blaring. We watched children raise their shirts to cover their faces as we passed by in the bus - there is yet to be a Covid case in Kosrae!

Because the girls had not been vaccinated, we stayed 14 days in Kosrae's quarantine facility (more rice), but we were so thankful to be back on Kosrae that time seemed to go by quickly. In addition, the girls completed a third of their school year during our month and a half of quarantine. This allowed them to be done with school for this semester and help us clean the house.

Our house was a mess, to say the least. Mold and mildew covered everything! After a week, we are starting to see the end in sight, but there is still a lot to be done. Our car was not working, we needed to replace our A/C and water pump (thankful I had already purchased them before we left), and there is still more cleaning and work around the yard. It is amazing how much work has to be done when you have been gone for a year and a half!

We were able to be in church for the first time in two months! We were excited to see many of our folks there; we had twenty children and just about twenty adults and teens. Unfortunately, there are some missing, so pray that we can encourage them back to church. Please continue to pray for Megan and her health! We are so thankful for two hard-working girls to help in the cleaning process. Megan and I could not have gotten this far without them!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

The Fetter Family—Daniel, Megan, Emily, and Lauren

