

# *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

December 2019

Aloha Dear Family and Friends,

After living and serving for 23 months as Full-Time Senior Missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (assigned to BYU-Hawaii), we returned home on April 2nd, 2019! It was an emotional reunion when we came down the escalator at the Salt Lake Airport to a joyful band of sign-carrying and waving loved ones. It took a few days to settle down after that. We then began to plan our "pilgrimage" to revisit our dispersed family. It has been wonderful to be home and begin our long-anticipated visits and reconnect with our family.



We stayed a few days in N. Salt Lake with our daughter Melissa before we began our journey to visit our dispersed family. We traveled to Nevada, California, Arizona, and back to Utah. In our travels, we picked up our little dog (Missy) in Arizona, and we made two trips to the docks at Long Beach (CA). We picked up our car on the first trip, and we picked up our shipped belonging on the second: both shipped from Hawaii. Kathy flew to Cape Cod (MA) to spend time with her parents while I stayed back to take care of "business." In June, we returned to Arizona to attend a grandson's wedding. Through all these travels, we became very weary from being on the road. Nevertheless, incredibly, we were able to see and visit with nine (9) of our ten children (William lives in Santiago, Chile and we won't be driving there) and 29 of our 31 (now 32) grandchildren.

This "Homecoming" has been an emotional and joyful experience for us, but it was also a little stressful, too. We have missed our friends, service, and life in Hawaii; we miss the honor of wearing our missionary name tags; our daily routines have changed; we suffered a little from jetlag (not bad); and, we have had much to do to reconnect with reality. It is beautiful to have family and friends and to be loved. We are thankful for that, and we have Hope in the future! We love the Lord, we love our family and friends, and the Gospel is True. "Hurrah for Israel." We are so very blessed and happy.

For now, we are still trying to settle down. Kathy was hired at Cedar City Hospital (Intermountain Healthcare), working as a Postpartum Nurse and Lactation Consultant. We bought a great little home in a beautiful family-oriented community: The City of Enoch. And, we moved into our home July 1<sup>st</sup>. So, the Cedar City Utah area is now our home. Since our move-in, we have made MANY exhausting U-Haul trips bringing our stored belongings together here in Enoch. It has been tiring, but well worth the effort! The Enoch and Cedar City area is a great place to be; we love the new Temple here; we love our new Ward (the Meetinghouse is just two blocks away); and, it appears Cedar City is at a geographic crossroad for our great family. "The City of Enoch" is wonderful.

Thank you for all the Love and Support! Please keep in touch and visit us if you can. We love you!

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