



Newsletter 2020-4 From Hawaii



Warmest Aloha's to our dedicated group of newsletter-readers !

HAPPY EASTER, Everyone



Well, these are certainly some different times for all of us. By this, I mean life B.C. (before the Coronavirus). Lifestyle changes, cultural changes, financial changes, etc. Thank goodness for the internet, social media, and video chatting. For those of us who experienced Hurricane Michael, this is like a double whammy. We were hoping that this would be the last big dramatic event that we would experience in our lifetime. Some people call this a “major inconvenience”. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Nancy and I are extremely fortunate that we are staying in a place that is a sparsely populated area and currently only have 24 reported cases of the virus. We are self-quarantining and going out as little as possible. We have our face masks and latex gloves. Our toilet paper supply is adequate for the remainder of time that we are staying on the Big Island. Right now, our major concern is whether Alaska Airlines will still be able to get us to Tampa and that Florida’s governor will let us re-enter the state. Keep your fingers crossed for us. Our current departure date is May 4th.

Perhaps, this is the shortest newsletter that I will ever write. On the last day of March, we went to the west side of the island to go to COSTCO. We arrived there at 8 a.m. because senior citizens (cannot believe that we have joined that group) were able to shop between 8 and 9 in the morning. Well, when we arrived, every senior on the island was lined up at the door! There were 100’s of people there. We scuttled this mission and decided to do some touring and brave a trip to the Safeway market. We were successful at Safeway. Our church in Waimea has been doing streaming of the church services for a long time. We now go to church online so that we don’t have to dress up and can drink coffee during the service. However, I do miss not being able to take communion. They do have this streaming thing down pat and offer many online services during Holy Week (Easter). Landy participates in an interactive online (Zoom) men’s Bible study. It’s not like the real thing, but it is better than not having this activity.

Nancy has several sewing projects underway and it keeps her doing things other than taking naps. She is working on some Hawaiian shirts, dresses, and face masks. Landy is doing some freelance kitchen design projects for a cabinetmaker friend who lives in Howard’s Creek, FL. He loves working with the graphic design program. He is also getting pretty good at “harvesting” tangerines from several trees in our side yard. You must keep up your Vitamin C level in these times.

Due to our new “staying-at-home” routine, we have fallen into a strange routine. While Nancy is cooking dinner, Landy watches a Prime Video program called “Mayday, Mayday”. This program shows

reenactments of airplane crashes. He says that he really does not watch them for the scary part, but to see what the investigation reveals about what causes the crashes. After dinner, we watch a half hour of the PBS show titled The News Hour. We all need to get caught up on current events and only one half of the program deals with politics. Thereafter, we watch one or two episodes of the exciting program called Ozark. I won't go into details, but you might want to see one episode to get a flavor for what the rest of the 25 other episodes are about. We were attracted to the program (at first) by the fact that we used to live within 40 miles of the place where the stories take place (Lake of The Ozarks, Missouri).

Well, that's it for now. Stay calm, stay safe, and pray that we get home as planned.

Nancy & Landy