

## **NEWSLETTER # A**

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San Diego Yacht Club

United States

Dear friends,

I am sitting on the bow of our sailboat, **American Flyer**, in the warm sun at Oceanside Yacht Club in California, just reflecting on the faithfulness of God. He can be trusted, I'm here to tell you!

The Lord told us through a scripture shared by a friend that we would "go out in joy and be led forth in peace", Isaiah 55: 12, and though there were times of doubt we would quote that scripture and remind the Lord He had promised that. We did leave the land from Astoria, Oregon, and sail out to sea and we did have peace and joy in our hearts!!

During our eight days of sea passage we had a sample of different weather. Only one 24 hour day got too rough for me with 50 knot winds and 18 foot waves. Loren was pleased with the way the boat handled in that storm. We were rewarded after that rough spot in our trip with a day and night full of awesome sea creatures. A giant whale longer than our boat surfaced right beside us. Three groups of dolphins came and played with us. Lisa almost touched one! And at night the sea creatures were phosphorescent! The dolphins came back all glorious and glowing! We were all praising the Lord together!

While in Oceanside for further outfitting, we were invited to stay at the Danny Sawyer's home, church friends of Lisa our crew. We attended their church, the Northcoast Fellowship. We were overwhelmed with their hospitality and ate too much from the food the families brought. Brenda and Lisa visited the Christian school the Sawyers head up, and soon school kids had a tour of the sailboat. We also had an "open boat" for the church families to come aboard.

Now we are at the San Diego Yacht Club doing last minute provisioning. Tom Fulton our fifth crew member needed to return home after helping us sail this far. We are very thankful for all his help! In a few days, we set sail for the Marquesas Islands in French Polynesia which are 2,800 miles away and should take from two and a half to three weeks. Our ham radio is tuned up and ready to help us talk to all of you back home. Jim Simpson a "ham" in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, is our contact there. We are so thankful to all of you who support and pray for us. You are doing a great job! We do covet your prayers. We will keep you updated as we go forth.

Goodbye for now,

Loren, Georgia, and Brenda Murphy and Lisa Zick