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Starting off the new year in CO with the Grays

Furlough report - Part 2

After ringing in the new year in Searcy, AR, we made an overnight stop in Tulsa to visit longtime friends before heading on to Duncan to pack up before heading on to our next adventure. We enjoyed spending two weeks in Southfork with Shawnda's parents, sister and brother-in-law. We were able to have our family Christmas while there, and meet several times with the Southfork COC. As we transitioned from Southfork to Denver, we had opportunity to spend a day with brethren from the Rye COC, our longest-standing supporting church. We were really encouraged by the time together with both of these congregations.

We spent our final stateside week in Denver with Shawnda's family, eating at our favorite places, completing our last minute shopping, and packing up for the big trip home. It will be 18 months before we have the opportunity to be back in the States, so we had a lot of clothing, medicines, etc., to purchase and pack.

Our final full day gave us the opportunity to be with the Miller Street COC in Denver, visiting longtime friends and financial supporters...a great cap to a great trip. We flew from Denver to Los Angeles to Nadi, Fiji to Port Vila beginning on Jan 29. Titus and Alexis started 5th and 4th grades (respectively) the next day, and Grayson started pre-school the following Monday. Well-refreshed, we are happy to be back home and excited about the new year. Thanks to all those who were so encouraging during our furlough.

We pray that all of you will have blessed 2018!



Shopping... Our shipments quickly stacked from floor-to-ceiling before departure.



New specs... Titus went in for his first eye exam, which confirmed his need for glasses. He looks very distinguished, but is a bit nervous about what his friends will think.



2018 school year... Titus began 5th grade, Alexis 4th, and Grayson preschool. Looking forward to another great year!



Stateside times... From shopping the big box stores to a date night including Red Lobster and "The Greatest Showman" our family had a great time in the US.



Finally... it took weeks, but we finally got a winter snow; so much so that it delayed our trip to Denver by a day.

Long trip home... 16 hours of flying and 8 hours of layover.

