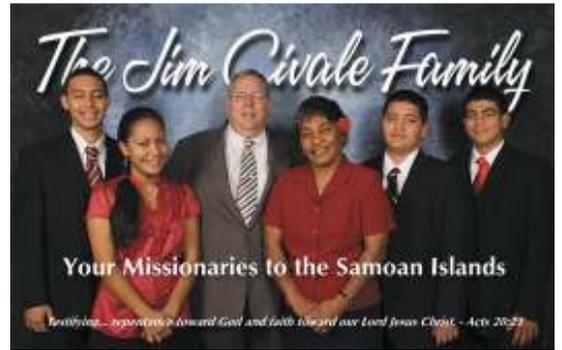


Monthly Prayer Letter ~ January 1, 2010



Dear Praying Friends,

One sheet of paper is not enough to thank you adequately for your recent acts of kindness. Nonetheless, we will at least try to “scratch the surface” in this month’s letter. You have all encouraged us and helped us very much to adjust to life “in the bush” and we are indebted in love.

Thank you to each of you who blessed our twins. Michael and Carol told us how they were flooded with cards, phone calls, and gifts from so many of you on their birthday. We know many more of you prayed for them, too. Thank you for making their first birthday away from home and their first semester at college easier. We praise God for their good success in their first semester and pray for a great second semester, too.

We were also blessed by your overflowing kindness last month as we received many cards and gifts for Christmas and our anniversary. All of your gifts this year have gone into repairs and renovations to our house here in Savaii. We now have our floors tiled, walls painted, lights installed, doors hung, bookshelves and benches built, rain gutters attached, water tanks filled, and a water pump connected. It took eight weeks and many trips to the main island to purchase and transport supplies, but we now have a house that is free of mosquitoes, flies, centipedes, cats, chickens, and pigs (yes, even a pig ran into our house and tried to make himself at home!). We also have running water and are no longer toting buckets up hill. Joey and Salvatore especially thank you for that. May we never take the blessing of turning on a tap and receiving water for granted again! Thank you for being faithful in your financial support and for the extra Christmas gifts. We also thank those again who gave toward our need for tools and equipment during our short furlough last year. We used many of them for this project and will surely use them to build a church building in the future.

Thank you also to all who gave to the Tsunami Relief Fund. Your giving not only provided financial and material relief but also opportunities to distribute gospel tracts and witness. A simple accounting is provided below...

Income	\$6,184	Offerings given through our mission board in October, November and December
Expenses	\$2,017	Food and household supplies for affected families
	\$3,000	Tuition scholarships (for students in Christian Schools who lost their parents and/or homes in the tsunami)
Balance	\$ 1,167	Held in reserve for a Christian Radio / Emergency Broadcast Station (many lives would have been spared if such a system had been in place)

As we close, we ask for your continued prayers. Many of you have been praying with us for a year now for the village of Asau to open. Be not weary in well-doing. We are confident that our great God will open a door of His choosing, whether in this village or another of this island. In the meantime, we continue serving and waiting. I have had the privilege of preaching each Sunday morning in a village that is two hours from here and am grateful for a place to worship and for more experience preaching entirely in the Samoan language (I need the practice). However, I long for the day when we can start a church on this side of the island. May God bless you abundantly in 2010.

His and yours gratefully,
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