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Missionaries to Samoa

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves:
it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph 2:8-9

Prayer Letter - February 2014



Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for praying for our safe travels back. We arrived in Asau on Saturday, February 1st, and have been in a wonderful whirlwind of activity since.

We were welcomed at our home by a delegation from the church and then a much larger delegation from the village with speeches and cultural ceremonies which lasted until about 9 p.m. Having anticipated these things, I had prepared the Sunday messages already, so the next thing for me was the pillow.

We had lovely Sunday services with a church feast and more pillow time in between. On Monday, paperwork and preparations of all kinds kept us busy from pre-dawn until our evening meeting with the deacons and wives. On Tuesday (yesterday at the time of this writing this letter) we worked with the teachers and in the classrooms to prepare for the start of the school year next Monday. We also started the piano school. Miss Hannah has sixteen students enrolled including one adult, nine teens, four preteens, and two younger ones. The first meeting was to register the students and do a general orientation/group lesson. It went great!!!

We have begun preparing for the building project and coming of the three-person construction team from Canada next month. Brick-making begins on Thursday.

Every one was thrilled to see the one copy of the whole Samoan Bible I have with me (which I received from the printer "hot off the press" the day before I left New Jersey). The other 2499 Bibles are currently on their way along with 5000 New Testaments and a whole lot of other cargo, so please pray for their safe and speedy arrival. Thank you very much!

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