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Dear Praying Friends,

In our January prayer letter, we asked you to pray for our big Fifth Anniversary Youth Camp and Revival Services at Asau Baptist Church. Our visitors, Evangelist Tom Furse, Dr. John Yingling, and his son John Yingling, Jr., all did an excellent job preaching in our services, teaching in the Bible College, and speaking at our youth camp. Your prayers for their safe travels and Holy Spirit power were wonderfully answered. We are overjoyed to have seen four people saved during the meetings and three baptized and added to Asau Baptist Church. It was also exciting seeing our preachers-in-training eating up the teaching and asking question after question of our guest speakers.

Each picture in this prayer letter tells part of the story, so let me comment on each. In the top left corner, where you see all the boxes, we had our visiting preachers and our preachers-in-training/deacons getting ready to pray over 30,000 Samoan John and Romans booklets that were printed and provided by Evangelist Tom Furse and the Lighthouse Baptist Press ministry that he heads.

In the top right corner, you see a picture that may seem odd at first. We are praying to bless the gravestone right in front of our house. Seven years earlier, Emi's father, whom she had previously led to the Lord, passed away. As is customary in Samoa, he was buried in our front yard. Up until now, there was no memorial stone. Because Emi's father is the one who cultivated and owned all of the land that was given to the church, we all thought it fitting to bless the gravestone and pray in thanksgiving for his posthumous gift to the church as part of our Fifth Anniversary services.

To the left, you see a picture of my dear friend and mentor, Dr. John Yingling, baptizing Mrs. Ruta Taiai, and elderly woman that Emi led to the Lord several years ago but who has just now surrendered to be baptized and added to the church. He also baptized a young teen named Naseri and a little girl named Penina. Eighteen years earlier, Dr. Yingling baptized Emi and me and our four children when he was a missionary in American Samoa. He is also the one who disciplined me and trained me to preach, so it was very special to me to have him return to see the fruit of his labors and to extend to him the honor to baptize and add our three newest members of Asau Baptist Church.



Below the picture of Ruta's baptism, you see Emi praying with two ladies who came forward at the Sunday morning altar call and received Christ as Savior. Both are parents of children in our school who attended the services in response to an invitation sent home with the students. Emi also led a young woman to the Lord who traveled with a group from the next island who participated in our special services.



As I close, I have a special prayer request for me (Jim) personally. Please pray for my healing from a virus called chickungunya which is spread by mosquitoes. I was stricken just days before our visitors arrived and was ill throughout their visit. God was faithful to strengthen me adequately for each of the fifteen messages and lessons I translated, but I am struggling with the effects of this virus which include achey bones, especially in the feet and hands, and constant fatigue. I understand from the doctor, that this will likely take another six to eight weeks to pass, so your prayers would be appreciated.

His and yours truly,

Jim and Emi Civale