

# JIM AND EMI CIVALE, MISSIONARIES TO SAMOA

Testifying... repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. ACTS 20:21

## PRAYER LETTER - FEBRUARY 1, 2016



Dear Praying Friends,

As the first month of the year ends and the second begins, I am very happy to say that we are returning to routines in our family life and ministry. Last year ended and this year began with the preparations for and celebration of our daughter's January 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding. At the same time, we were busy building a house in time for the arrival of missionary Jenn Scarfi. Praise God that the wedding went well and the house got built in time. You can see Jenn in front of her new house in the picture above.

The same day that Jenn arrived, our youngest son, Salvatore, left to return to college in the U.S. After that, we had one week to prepare for the opening of our new school year. We also found out that week that two of our strongest teachers would not be returning to teach this year. Despite the sudden changes, we were able to find replacement teachers and move forward with preparations. In fact, we had our best Teacher Orientation Week and smoothest opening of the school year yet in the school's five-year history. We also reached a record high with eighty-seven students enrolling. As I am writing this, we are finishing our first week of school and it has been excellent. I couldn't be happier with the school team this year.

We restarted our Bible college classes using a new curriculum and running two programs concurrently, an English-speaking division which utilizes videos, texts, and workbooks; and a Samoan-speaking program we are basing on the materials the first group is using. The new format has me spending more time than ever on translation work, but it is certainly worth it to see our people soaking up the instruction. We are operating the Bible Institute in two different locations now, one on our island on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the other on the next island on Saturday and Sunday. While the running of the other site is mostly delegated to the missionary and his wife there, it still has me traveling back and forth a little to do some of the coordinating work. Between the two sites, we are up to twenty-one students and so far they are very enthusiastic about what they are learning.

You may recall from last month that Mrs. Taua was saved, baptized and added to our church after being a life-long Mormon. I am happy to report that she has been faithful and steady in her attendance and participation in church events. One thing I particularly enjoy is seeing her smile so much. In the almost six years I have lived here and seen her in the village, I never saw her smile before (which is unusual for a person in our culture). She just always seemed sad, if not downright angry, but now her salvation shines on her countenance. Please pray for her family members. They have not attended services ever since she was baptized and added to the church on the second Sunday in January, but they have also not been going to the Mormon church. They certainly have heard the gospel preached a number of times in the last couple months, so perhaps they are under conviction. Let's pray so, and that they respond in faith.

Before I close, I want to make you aware of a short-term missions trip to Samoa that is currently in the planning. We invite you to ask the Lord if He is leading you to join that team. The trip is being sponsored by our mission board and coordinated by our field director, Steven Maldoff. You can find out more information at [WWW.BIMI.ORG/CONNECT](http://WWW.BIMI.ORG/CONNECT).

As always, we want you to know how grateful we are for your prayers.

~ Jim & Emi Civalo

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