

Testifying...
repentance toward God
and faith toward our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:21

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Your Missionaries to Samoa

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Dear Praying Friends,

What does your Christianity cost? For the Tanielu family it cost them their houses and land. In Samoa, people live on communal land which is controlled by the chiefs of the extended family (*aiga*). Sopo Tanielu's *aiga* returned from overseas earlier this month and ordered him back to his old church. Sopo explained that he cannot go back because he found salvation and truth in his new church. He was then given an ultimatum: "Leave your new church or leave this family and land!" Praise God, Sopo chose well, showing himself to be a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

We were greatly blessed this month by **Ohana Baptist Church** in Hawaii. **Pastor Wayne Surface** and some dear church members sent a container filled with clothes, food, first-aid supplies, bicycles, and furniture. What a blessing for us personally, for our church members, and even for some others in the village who received from this bounty. God's timing was perfect, especially for the Tanielu family. Sopo appreciates his bike since he is now farther from his plantation than before. We are indebted to so many people who helped get these items out to us. **Bro. Craig Simon** of **Ohana Baptist Church** used his shipping container; **Pastor Scot Daku** and the **Vai o le Ola Baptist Church** members unloaded the container in American Samoa, palletized the items, and shipped them to the island of Upolu; and **Pastor Peneueta Faafouina** and **Lighthouse Baptist Church** in Upolu helped clear the items through customs and ship them over to our island of Savaii. It took a great deal to get these items here and we are very grateful to all who helped!

At **Asau Baptist Church**, we continue to see people saved, baptized and added. We began our twelfth week today, baptizing and adding our 49th and 50th church members.

Our greatest material needs remain the same as we shared last month. We need a **church van** and a **church building**. If the Lord lays it on your heart to give to either of these needs, please send offerings to...

Missionary Jim Civale (#1325)
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Thank you for your steadfast prayers
and support.

His and yours truly,

Jim and Emi Civale



Thank you for praying for the Sopo Tanielu family who lived with us for part of the month of April. It has been our honor to host them and help them through a great trial of faith..



Thank you to all who prayed for Arona. He is pictured here just seconds after we came out of the bapitstry on April 25. It took Arona over two months to surrender to be baptized due to opposition from his extended family. He was emboldened, however, after Sopo stood strong earlier in the month.



Thank you to all who prayed for Failauga (whose name means "Preacher") He was saved at our Sunrise Service on April 4 and baptized the following Sunday.