

Civale Family Prayer Letter - May 20, 2010

Dear Praying Friends,

Our twins have come home for the summer! After saving all year up at school, Michael and Carol paid their own way to come down for the summer to be part of the action at Asau Baptist Church. We are thrilled to have them back and love telling them the stories of the church's birth and growth. Thank you to all who prayed with us for their first year of college. They did great!

Since we wrote last month, we have seen eight more people saved, baptized, and added to the church. Thank you for praying with us for this growth. God has heard and answered!

Friends, we have *filled* our church building *to capacity* and must now seat people on the floor and outside. We covet your prayers for the Lord's provision for a church building. I fear that the overcrowding will soon discourage visitors and hinder the gospel. Our new believers continue to give toward this need, but very few have steady incomes as they live off their land and the sea. As an infant church in a third world country, we must rely on the assistance of those in established churches to get us started. We do not need or wish to build an elaborate church building as one would see in a developed country (that would actually hinder rather than advance the goal of establishing an indigenous church), but we do need a simple building that is large enough for us to meet in now and to continue to grow. The church here has its own land which church members have cleared. We now need to build. The total budget for the project is \$75,000. Between our local giving and overseas offerings, we have a little less than \$5,000 so far. Please pray with us for this important need and let us marvel together as God answers our prayers.



Peato is one of eight who were baptized since we wrote last month (three men, two women, & three teens were added to the church).



Our son Joey turned 17 on the 17th. Thank you to all who sent cards and prayed for him on his birthday. Joey is pictured here holding Muliaina whose parents are Asau Baptist Church members.

Joey has been a tremendous help in every aspect of the work out here and we thank God for him!

Special offerings for the building may be sent to...

**Missionary Jim Civale (#1325)
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Sincerely and gratefully,

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