

# JIM AND EMI CIVALE — YOUR MISSIONARIES TO SAMOA

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

## MONTHLY UPDATE / PRAYER LETTER - MAY 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

Emi and I certainly enjoyed the April showers of blessings, both in the U.S. and Samoa.

My stateside travels began with a missions conference in New Jersey at one of our supporting churches. What a season of refreshing as I visited people who have become dear friends over the years! On one day of the conference, I even enjoyed a good game of Scrabble with the pastor's wife and one of the other missionaries. From New Jersey, I went to all new churches in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. At one point, while riding through the mountains of New Hampshire, I saw white birches lining both sides of the road as far as the eye could see. Against the backdrop of an overcast sky, they were breathtakingly beautiful! In almost every case last month, I was hosted at the pastors' homes

which allowed for great conversation and fellowship. I was even treated to a second game of Scrabble up in Maine. To the pastor's son who gave up his bedroom, the wives who prepared delicious home-cooked meals, the countless church members who responded so favorably to the preaching, and all those who were a blessing to us, Emi and I offer a thousand thanks! Of all the blessings we enjoyed last month, the greatest was seeing so many come forward during the invitation calls, especially the two women who came to Christ.

The Lord continued to grow the giving for **Samoan Bibles** last month, so we now have **\$17,745** raised. That covers **3,549** of the **15,000** Bibles we are asking the Lord to provide. We are especially grateful to two churches who informed us that they will be dedicating their VBS to this project in the coming months. Please continue to pray for the Bible campaign and remember, it only takes \$5 to put one Bible into the hands of one person! Donations can be made online at [jimcivale.edifyhub.com/bibles/](http://jimcivale.edifyhub.com/bibles/) or by sending a check to...

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Back in Samoa, Emi reports that the school now enrolls a record high of 110 students and that the teachers have really stepped up this year. Even with the sudden staffing changes and subsequent reshuffling at the beginning of this school year, the school has continued to grow both in number and in its impact in our community. We would ask you to continue in prayer for

**Brother Sopo** and **Brother Iosua** as they lead the church and fill the pulpit this year. There was a third preacher-in-training who was helping, but he has stepped down from his responsibilities in order to concentrate on some troubling family matters. Please lift him up in prayer as well.

Finally, please keep Emi in your prayers as she prepares for her trip up to rejoin me at the end of this month. I can't wait!!!

*Jim & Emi*



**Wentworth Baptist Church, NH**  
*One of the many beautiful places furlough travels took me last month*

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