

# ***Civale Family Prayer Letter ~ June 17, 2010***

Dear Praying Friends,

Just last night on visitation I had the opportunity to pray with an ailing 88 year-old man named Aumua. As I prayed in thanksgiving for his long life and the opportunity to lead him to salvation, I was reminded why we are in Samoa. Thank you for sending us, supporting us, and praying for us.

Since we wrote last month, Asau Baptist Church started its fifth month and saw four more baptized and added (three adults and one child). We also bid farewell to a couple and child who have moved to the island of Upolu. As we write this letter, the church has 62 members and another 14 children who regularly attend with their parents.

Please pray for two men in the church who have gone back to the bottle. Two dismal statistics speak to the nature of our field: Samoa has the



***Praise the Lord for those who come forward during the invitation!***

highest per capita alcohol consumption rate and the highest per capita suicide rate.

Almost every man in our church was a drunkard who gave up the bottle and took up Christ. In fact, for better or for worse, our church now has the reputation in the village as the place to go when you are ready to stop drinking. Most of our men have found victory and have walked in that victory, but two who have fallen back. They are dear men and I ask for your prayers for them. One has even talked about going back to his old church where he used to drink with his pastor. It did not

help matters that his previous pastor and several chiefs of that church showed up at his house with beer bottles in hand. What a "coincidence" that I had just preached on Habakkuk 2:15!

Thank you to those who have given toward and prayed for our need for a building. I thank God both for *your* faithfulness and the faithfulness of the new believers here who continue to give first of themselves and then of their resources.

Gratefully His, yours, and theirs,

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***Kiuga is one of the four who were baptized and added since we last wrote.***



## **LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE**

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

**I Corinthians 11:26**