

Jim & Emi Civale - Missionaries to Samoa

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man should boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Prayer Letter - June 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

Emi and I spent most of May in the U.S. with the highlight being our son Michael's college graduation. **Michael** graduated with a B.S. in mechanical engineering and is now looking to see where he will begin his career. He has sent applications to various parts of the U.S. and is waiting on the Lord to see which opening to pursue. Please keep him in your prayers.

Our son **Salvatore** finished his first year at college and is coming back to Samoa with us for the months of June, July, and August. While with us, he is taking one long distance college course (Calculus II) and, as we mentioned in the last prayer letter, will serve full-time heading up our radio station. Please pray for good success in both endeavors.

Our son **Joseph** returned to Samoa earlier in the year and is a great help in the ministry. Joey is teaching in the school, overseeing the Samoan Bible distribution, and leading our youth Sunday school and weekly Bible study programs. He has also joined our preachers-in-training program and is praying about whether he will continue his studies at Asau Baptist Bible College or will return to the US. He has discerned God's calling to be a missionary and he would appreciate your prayers for clear direction in how to prepare.

A supporting pastor recently asked me "**What ever happened to the bus ministry you mentioned last year?**" With the building project, Bible project, piano program, radio station, and so much else going on, I have not kept this great need before you as I should have. So far we have less than \$4000 given toward this need, so we have a long way to go. As soon as Asau Baptist Church finishes installing a water tank for the new bathroom building, their special offerings will go toward the buses. As you may recall, when we distributed New Testaments and Bible tracts last year to five neighboring villages, we heard over and over that if people had a way to get to our church, they would come. We continue to hear the same thing as we distribute whole Samoan Bibles to the villages. Since almost no one on our island has an automobile, and since buses do not run on Sundays, we need our own buses to address this issue. I believe that we would not only see our church grow in number, but that we would also develop inroads to start churches in those neighboring villages. With that in mind, I am asking for prayers for the Lord's provision for two buses. Please pray for God to move the hearts of churches and individuals to invest in the start-up of our bus ministry in Asau.

Thank you for praying for us, our children and for Asau Baptist Church.

- Jim and Emi Civale, Acts 20:21



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