

The Civale Family – Your Missionaries to the Samoan Islands

Prayer Letter / August 1, 2011

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

Dear Praying Friends,

We began last month in Samoa and ended in Tennessee. During the first two Sundays of the month, as we finished our first term on the island of Savaii, we were blessed to see three more saved, baptized, and added. We are particularly excited that one of the men who was baptized and added is one of the highest ranking and most-respected chiefs of our village.

On July 11, we began a journey that took us through New Zealand and Australian airports, across the Pacific Ocean, through Los Angeles, and finally to Philadelphia. After two days of recovering from jet-lag while reuniting with our older children, we headed to Western Pennsylvania to be with our sending church for a week of special meetings. We thank God for three opportunities to preach and for everyone's warm welcome.

On July 23, I had the honor of marrying a dear couple in the state of Maryland. Brother Stephen Summers, who spent a month in Samoa helping us construct our church building earlier this year, was wedded to his beautiful bride, Nicole, in a lovely ceremony. It was my eighth wedding to perform this year, but my first-ever on U.S. soil, so that made it extra special for me personally.

From July 24 to July 31, we were in Tennessee reporting in to three supporting churches and spending a week at our mission board center for "BIMI Enrichment Week." We were blessed in a million ways that week and thank God for all who graced us with their prayers, kind words, and gifts.

In August, we plan to travel to northern Virginia, eastern Pennsylvania, western Pennsylvania, and Ohio to report in to supporting churches. We will also have some more time (in a less jet-lagged condition) to visit with our older children and other family members. Please pray for us as we travel and also for the following prayer requests...



Emi enjoyed fellowship with new friends during "BIMI Enrichment Week 2011". She is pictured here (far right) with missionary wives to the Mayan Indians and to Mexico.



On the final Sunday of our first term at Asau Baptist Church, Chief Lotu Elisaia and two others were baptized and added

- ~ for Emi and she watches another son leave the nest.
- ~ for Joseph as he prepares for his first year of college
- ~ for those caring for the church and preaching in our absence -- Missionary Pastor Peneueta Faafouina, Deacon Sopo, and preachers-in-training Malaki, Luaao, and Tala.
- ~ for Ms. Salafai Konelio who is caring for Emi's preschool while we are on furlough

Your grateful friends,
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