

# 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**



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Dear Praying Friends,

Last month, we ended our prayer letter with a teaser about the launching of our radio station. We had just begun airing music and programming and expected that we'd have exciting news of how the village and district received it in its first month. Unfortunately, we experienced a couple set-backs.

First of all, our production computer crashed after the first day and now only works sporadically. In fact, it did not work again last Sunday so we missed the opportunity to record two more services. We had another laptop computer that we began using after we had problems with the first, but it also crashed almost immediately and we have not even been able to start that one up again since. Fortunately, our main computer with the automation software is working okay, but we need a production computer to do all of the recording and editing as these things cannot be done directly on the automation computer.

Our second setback is that the cost for electricity in Samoa has just increased by 22%. For now, we will address this unexpected increase by decreasing the number of hours we air programming as neither our personal budget and work fund, nor the church's finances can absorb that extra cost just now.

Despite the frustrations related to the radio station programming, we have had many great things happening over the last month. The Bible Institute is in full swing with six dedicated men, one of them being our son, Joe, who has decided to stay in Samoa rather than returning to the U.S. for school. Joe feels that studying and preparing here in the Samoan language together with the Samoan men is much more in line with his calling to be a missionary to Samoa than if he were to return to the U.S. for studies. Emi and I are certainly glad to have him here with us. Joe is not only taking college classes, but also leading our youth Bible study, teaching a Sunday school class, teaching in the school here, and conducting chapel services and teacher devotions. His studies and service here are certainly stretching him a bit, but Joe is really doing a great job.

Please pray for some serious headway this month with the radio station and please pray for Joe to keep going strong. Thank you very much.

*Jim and Emi Civale, Acts 20:21*

pictures:

Above—Joe preaching at chapel

Right—Joe leading the youth Bible study and testimonies night



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