

The Civale Family –Missionaries to the Samoa - September 3, 2011

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

Dear Praying Friends,

In August we visited nine supporting churches, traveling to Tennessee, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, and finally Florida. We began September in the sunshine state (minus the sunshine!) to say good-bye to Joseph who begins his college days and to Michael as he continues his.

Carolyn is now living in New Jersey, working at an accounting firm, and continuing her college education there. Our youngest son, Salvatore, will return with us to Samoa. We know his day to spread his wings and leave the nest will be here soon as well.

We received “good news from a far country” last night. Two were saved last week and will be baptized and added to *Asau Baptist Church* this Sunday. Emi and I look forward to our weekly updates from the field and Praise God for the faithfulness of those preaching, teaching, and leading in our absence.



Please pray for Michael (left) and Joey (right) as they begin their junior and freshman years of college this month.

While we are in the US and Canada for these four months of furlough, we are making many contacts to further causes that we believe the Lord has laid on our hearts. We ask you to pray for the following ministries. Perhaps God is calling you to be a part of one of these ministries even in addition to your faithful prayers and giving. Perhaps God has placed you in a position to influence those who are to missions and looking for direction.

Piano playing and teaching: Please pray for a person who can commit to a short-term mission (three months to a year).

Radio station: Please pray for a person who can commit to one to three years of ministry to set up a radio station. We have start up equipment, land, and great opportunity as there is no radio station on our whole island.

Counseling ministry: With high rates of suicide, alcoholism, domestic violence, and the arrival of marijuana and other drugs in Samoa, we need Christian counselors who can go deeper than preaching, Bible study, pastoral counseling, and regular discipleship .

Youth camp ministry: Please pray for a long-term missionary couple with a heart for youth. We have the land available for this ministry and would train the couple in language and culture. Over half of our people are in their teens and below, so this is an opportunity-rich ministry.

Medical clinic ministry: Again, we have land and are willing to teach language and culture to a missionary couple or team. With only one very small and limited hospital and a few even smaller clinics on our whole island, most people turn to village healers when they are sick. Village healers are animistic and attribute most illness to the activities of supposed spirits of ancestors. What an impact a Christian medical clinic could have on the spirits, souls, and bodies of our people.

Preschool and Elementary School teaching: Emi and a dear sister named Salafai head this great ministry that has grown from six to twenty-one is just six months. There is also a growing tutorial program in the afternoon. They are using the English language and the A Beka curriculum. Co-laborers for short or long-term missions are desired. They also have many material needs and I will mention only two on their behalf. They are looking for a couple Christian flags and a full first-grade curriculum and materials. Please email her directly at emicivale@yahoo.com if you can help.

Bible College teaching: Please pray for people to help train nationals to plant churches and to continue the above-mentioned ministries.

We need your prayers and continued support and we need you! Please contact us as the Lord leads.

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