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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



September 1, 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

In August we enjoyed two big events, Father's Day on the 10th (the date is different here than in the U.S.) and a youth camp weekend from the 22nd to the 24th.

One of our preachers-in-training, Brother Lopati, headed up the entire Father's Day program this year. In the morning service, he had all of the Father's come forward to receive an "ula" (what the Hawaiians call a "lei"). Our head deacon and preacher-in-training, Brother Sopo, delivered the main message. Our four oldest fathers also gave testimonies and the younger fathers recited memory verses, did a reenactment of the parable of the talents, and sang a special song. In the evening, Brother Lopati preached the main message and the younger fathers each gave testimonies and sang another special song. In our first church plant, we always felt we had so few men as opposed to the women and children. As we launched out to begin our second church plant about five years ago, I prayed often and earnestly that we would have more men with a heart to serve the Lord. This Father's Day was a great reminder of God's blessed answer to those prayers.

Later in the month, we hosted a weekend youth camp. The theme was "Lord, Let the Fire Fall!" ("Le Atua e, ia Faapaū lfo le Afi!") from I Kings 18:38. Our son Joey planned and led the whole event — a first for him — and did a good job. Twenty-three of our own youth members and seven visiting youth members who traveled from Lighthouse Baptist Church over on the next island were in attendance. We had full altar calls on Saturday night and Sunday morning and saw one young man receive Christ as Saviour — Haroseta, one of the visiting seven who had been attending Lighthouse Baptist Church for awhile but had not yet been saved.

Last month, we also saw our youngest son off as he returned to the U.S. for his second year of college. We are so thankful for the time we had with Salvatore and for all he did to help set up the radio station. Please pray for him to have good success in school this year and to continue to grow in his walk with the Lord.

Last month we shared some struggles we have had with launching our radio station. We were about to start full-time programming and airing when our production computer and our backup production computer both fatally crashed. One of our supporting churches contacted us after receiving the prayer letter and have purchased a replacement computer and have reloaded all of the software needed. The computer has been shipped out to us and I expect that we will be back on track soon. We will keep you posted and trust you will continue to pray.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Jim and Emi Civale, Acts 20:21

pictures:

above—younger fathers on Father's Day (8/10/14)

right—youth camp (8/24/2014)



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