

# The Jim Civale Family Prayer Letter

October 15, 2010

Dear Praying Friends,

**Asau Baptist Church** began its eighth month last week with three more saved, and two more baptized and added. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated **White Sunday**, a holiday in Samoa when children dress in white, recite memory verses, sing specials, and perform Bible skits. We dedicated the morning service to preschool and primary students and the evening service to the youth. The theme for the morning was "Jesus Loves the Little Children." The evening theme was, "Be ye not unequally yoked." The Sunday school teachers and children did a great job! Jim preached in the morning message and eighteen year-old Alapati preached in the evening. The way Alapati preached, he may just take Jim's job real soon! Well, that's what missions is all about, isn't it?

On White Sunday we also conducted our first **baby dedications**. Ten precious ones were brought forward as their parents pledged to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and as the church committed to pray for them without ceasing.

Our current church meeting place, a 19' by 34' open house, is getting smaller and smaller every Sunday, so please continue to pray for our **church building project**. We're making good progress but have a long way to go... Our site inspection's done and approved, the architect's drawings are done, the land has been cleared, the excavator has been contracted for the week after next, our permit approvals have been signed and we're ready to go. Lord willing, we will have leveled the land and started laying the foundation before we write you next month.

Here's some good financial news! After negotiating discounts and simplifying the structure, we have reduced the overall cost of the project by \$13,000. We also received an exciting challenge from a great supporting church. Pastor Philip Bishop and the members of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA, have pledged up to \$10,000 in **matching funds** during the months of October to November to try to help us reach our final goal. If the Lord lays it on your heart to give to this project over the next six weeks, you can have the added blessing of knowing your funds are being doubled. Lighthouse also gave directly to the project before making this pledge of matching funds.



Three of the ten babies who were dedicated on White Sunday.



Sunday school children lining up for their White Sunday procession.



Kelemete (front) Josh and Lo'olea (behind)

What we now have:                   \$ 19,456  
What we still need:                 **\$ 18,544**  
Total Budget (revised)           \$ 38,000.

### THREE WAYS TO GIVE...

1. DEBIT/CREDIT CARD: Call our mission board at **1-423-344-5050** between 9 and 5 EST and tell the receptionist you want to donate to the *building fund* for Missionary Jim Civale, #1325.

2. PAYPAL link:

<http://www.bimi.org/content/gvhome.php#online>

3. MAIL:           Jim Civale Building Fund (#1325)  
                  Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI)  
                  P.O. Box 9215 / Chattanooga, TN 37412



Our Super Seven Sunday School Teachers.

Yours truly,

*Jim and Emi Civale*

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