

The Jim Civale Family Prayer Letter --November 15, 2010

As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. **Proverbs 25:25**

Dear Praying Friends,

If you ask my seventeen-year-old son, Joey, what was the most exciting thing about this last month, you will probably get a much different answer than mine and Emi's. We would tell you about the five who were saved, baptized and added; and then we'd tell you about another couple with two children who joined **Asau Baptist Church (ABC)** by transfer of membership. We'd then praise God for the four faithful and scripturally-qualified candidates who are now training for the office of deacon. Finally, we would report that **ABC** has taken on its first missionary for regular monthly support -- the Peneueta Faafouina family who are planting **Lighthouse Baptist Church** on the island of Upolu, Samoa.



Joey, on the other hand, would tell you how he learned to drive a backhoe and excavator. He'd talk your ear off about the thrill of operating the different machines, of breaking through the rocky earth, of picking up and moving huge boulders, etc. etc. I will tell you this. My boy caught on fast! In fact, the excavating crew even asked if he can come and work with them part-time. What should my answer be? Hmmm? I think I'll pray about it for a few years.

As far as the building project goes, the Lord has sittred hearts both here and abroad to give joyfully and bountifully. Praise God, we are \$13,000 nearer to our goal than last month at this time. **Please pray for a final \$6,000 to come in.** Actually, we would have reached our goal already

had it not been for a few setbacks (i.e. the excavation cost was twice what we budgeted; our drawings had to be re-done by a local architect; and the value of the U.S. dollar dropped to it's lowest rate in years). Despite all this, we continue to do all we can at ABC and trust God to do all we cannot.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please pray for...

- souls to be saved, baptized, and added
- the spiritual growth of our new believers
- the safety of our carpenters and volunteers
- the steadfastness of our deacon candiates
- the remaining funds needed for the building
- our sons, Joey and Tory, in their homeschooling
- our twins, Michael and Carol, at college who turn 19 on Nov. 20th

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Thank you for your faithful friendship, prayers, and support.

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Sili and four others were baptized and added to Asau Baptist Church this month.



Juliana is what we call a "failele" (i.e. the mother of a newborn). After she gave birth at the home of a Samoan midwife, her husband Fereti invited me to conduct a prayer service as part of the family's "alalafaga" (i.e. a homecoming celebration for the failele and newborn). Bbaby Melesal celebrated by remaining fast asleep in his mosquito net.

In January of 2009, Emi and I led Fereti and Juliana to the Lord, baptized them, and added them to the first church in American Samoa. They have just moved back to Asau and transferred their membership to ABC.