

The Jim Civale Family Prayer Letter

December 1, 2010

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world

Dear Praying Friends,

The advent of our second Christmas in Asau prompts prayers of thanksgiving and songs of joy. Last year at this time, we were praying without ceasing for the village of Asau to allow us to start a church here. In December 2009, we made our fourth and final appeal to the village council of chiefs. The mayor scolded, "We will discuss your request one last time next month, but you must accept our answer. If the answer is no, the answer is no!" He then abruptly closed the meeting.

What a long month of many prayers last December was! Praise God, the mayor closed the January 4, 2010 meeting with a very different declaration, "The answer is yes."

Prayers, praises, and songs have not ceased since as many others have also said, "Yes." "Yes, I am a sinner in need of a Savior. Yes, I turn from my sins. Yes, I turn to Christ and place my faith in Him. Yes, I will be baptized in obedience to His command and as a testimony for all to see. Yes, I will be added to *Asau Baptist Church*. Yes, I will serve. Yes, I will give. Yes, I will witness..." Thank you, faithful friends, for your invaluable part in all of this. Behind each *yes* here in Asau, there was a *yes* from Heaven as your faith met God's favor. Thank you, friends -- and thank you, Father!

The Christmas season is always doubly special for the Civale family. It reminds us that the Son sent to be the Savior of the world, was sent to be the Savior of the Civale's. On Christmas morning, 1996, Jim was the first in our family to trust Christ as Savior. Like the Philippian jailor of Acts 16, he soon saw his whole household do the same. Songs, prayers, and praises have continued ever since.



ABC youth member, Alapati



ABC youth member, Failautusi



Head carpenter Limu, during ground-breaking and blessing. Please pray for his safety and salvation.

We continued to rejoice over the last month as we saw three more saved and baptized, and as we broke ground, blessed, and began our construction project. Thank you to all who have prayed for souls to be saved. Please pray that we will continue to prioritize souls even while busy building. Thank you also to all who have prayed for and given to our building project. Please continue to pray for protection and provision as the project continues over the next couple of months.

May God fill your Christmas season with prayers, praise, and song.

Sincerely and joyfully,

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