

The Jim Civale Family

Your Missionaries to Samoa

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...build the house; and I will take pleasure in it,
and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

Haggai 1:8



Dedication of Lighthouse Baptist Church building in the village of Vaitele Fou on the island of Upolu, Samoa (March 31, 2012)

Dear Praying Friends,

Over a year ago, **Asau Baptist Church** here on the island of Savaii began supporting missionaries Peneueta and Robyn Faafouina who are planting **Lighthouse Baptist Church** on the neighboring island of Upolu. It has been our conviction that even though we are a very young church plant ourselves, we must be missions-minded from the outset if we are to be a true New Testament local church. Praise God for a teachable and tender-hearted congregation here in Asau who embraced the Great Commission and mandate for world-wide missions.

Earlier this year, Pastor Faafouina and **Lighthouse Baptist Church** purchased their own land and began building their first church house. Last month, **Asau Baptist Church** sent four of our own on a missions trip to help complete the work in time for the March 31st and April 1st Dedication and Opening. On March 31st, a group of fifteen from **Asau Baptist Church** journeyed over land and sea to attend the dedication and opening services of **Lighthouse Baptist Church**. After several years in Brother Faafouina's living room, the growing congregation beamed with joy as they hosted pastors from Texas, American Samoa, and Samoa in their new building.

As you know, building a church building is exciting, but seeing Christ build His church is much more exciting. On Sunday morning, April 1st (and this is not an April Fool's prank), five people walked the aisle to receive Christ as Savior. On Sunday evening, another came forward to receive Christ. I personally had the great privilege and joy to lead two of those souls to Christ (Logoitaeo & Iosua, far left) while Emi led another to Christ (Siaosi, center). In the evening service, I had the honor of preaching and thrill of seeing another come forward to receive Christ as Savior. What a great God we serve!



Six souls saved! Hallelujah!!!



Friends, we rejoice on so many levels. How wonderful to know that some baby Christians from **Asau Baptist Church** took on a missionary and were able to see fruit of their investment so soon! How blessed that our first missions trip as a church made such an impact for Christ! What a thrill to see souls saved!!! What a blessing to see the prayers we have been lifting for the last several months answered before our very eyes! To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Thank you for your prayers and support for us and the people of Samoa.

His and yours truly,

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