

THE CIVALE FAMILY PRAYER LETTER – DECEMBER 1, 2012

Dear Praying Friends,

How many Sundays did your November have? Probably only four, but mine had five. On the 18th I preached in Samoa and then flew across the dateline to American Samoa. The next day I enjoyed a *second* Sunday the 18th with our first church. I stayed there for two days to conduct a funeral in their pastor's stead as he was away in Fiji. It appeared that several who attended the funeral prayed to receive salvation at the close of the message. I pray so.

While I was in American Samoa preparing for that funeral, Emi called with some sad news: there was going to be another funeral back in our village. When she told me who it was -- Chief Logoitea -- my heart sunk. We had just heard that he was about to leave the Mormon church to attend ours. *That's one soul we did not reach in time*, I sighed. When I returned to Asau, our oldest deacon, Chief Lotu Elisaia, had some news to share with me. While I was away, Chief Lotu visited Chief Logoitea. "Logoitea had something very serious on his mind", Lotu told me. "He wanted to find forgiveness for his sins and true salvation. He had heard your preaching at other funerals and wanted to be sure that he had settled the matter of his eternity himself." Lotu asked Logoitea if he was ready to turn from his sins *and* to turn from trusting in his church. Then Lotu asked him if he was ready to place his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Praise God, Logoitea repented of his sins and trusted Christ alone to save him. The very next day, Logoitea was absent from the body and present with the Lord. Friends, God's ways are wonderful! His salvation is sweet. His timing is perfect!

Last month was one of our busiest and most blessedly productive ever! By God's grace and in His strength...

- Our church finished making all the **cement blocks** for the new building (over 3000 of them);
- *Jim finished filling the pulpit on the next island every third week for our missionary friends who returned from the US at the end of the month;*
- The **Samoa Bible Project** team finished the New Testament and made much progress in the Old Testament;
- *We obtained our charitable trust designation and license for the radio station (one step left -- get our FM #)*
- We received our shipment of **1200 hardcover English Bibles** and Jim met with Asau's district principals to line up a Bible/English program he will conduct from 8th to 12th grade starting after the New Year.
- Emi and the ABC Academy teachers held their second **Kindergarten Graduation** and it was beautiful! Words cannot begin to describe what a wonderful job they are doing with the ministry God has given them.

Many of you have been following each of these projects as they've been unfolding and have been praying with us each step of the way. You may be assured that you were all the subject of many prayers of Thanksgiving last month!

December promises more great things. We will be hosting a missions team from American Samoa who will lay the foundation and pour the floor of our new building. Then my dear friend Stephen Summers will arrive from the U.S to head the building project to its completion. In response to last month's prayer letter, we received several **very generous** donations which mean so much to all of us here in Asau. **Please continue to pray for the remaining \$11,000 needed** so that the missions teams that are coming and the eager ABC Church members can construct and complete the facility in six weeks allotted. As we have done many times before, our family will forego exchanging Christmas gifts and will donate any gifts we receive to this project.

May God bless you with a most Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Jim & Emi Civale



ABC Academy's 2012 Kindergarten Graduates on November 28th
Save'u George was missing from the group shot so we added him in to the right

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