



ABC Educational Building 12/31/12 (from back, picture distorted from camera's panoramic feature)

The Civale Family Prayer Letter

1st January 2013

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mouth, even praise unto our God...

Psalm 40:3

Dear Praying Friends,

The line between 2012 and 2013 blurred by at 100-plus miles per hour as we hosted friends and missionary teams from New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, American Samoa, and the U.S. last month. Thank God for all their labors of love to start the building project and to conduct a Vacation Bible School and Youth Day.

We also experienced **Cyclone Evan**, which thankfully did little damage here in Asau. Sadly, our very good friends in the ministry, **Pastor Pili and Mrs. Tasi Fata**, received the brunt of the storm over in the capital. Their home, church building, and school ministry were devastated. We put out pleas for relief funds for them via email and internet and a few responded, but the Fata's and Manumalo (Victory) Baptist Church and School are still in dire straits. If led of the Lord, please send an offering through us and mark it **CYCLONE RELIEF**. Pastor Pili will receive all funds (i.e. no administrative percentages or anything like that will be deducted). For pictures or further details, email me at civalejim@yahoo.com or peruse my **Facebook** wall [Jim Civale]. A couple pictures are also included in page two of this letter.

MISSION TRIP FROM AMERICAN SAMOA: Pastor Scot Daku and a team from our first church in American Samoa did an outstanding job conducting a VBS, a youth day, and laying the foundation of the building. We saw five young people from 10 to 17 years old receive Christ as Savior through their ministry here. We also saw an adult come forward in the Sunday morning service which was preached by Brother Richard Park, a young man who grew up before our eyes at the church there from 1998-2009. What a blessing to see him now ministering so effectively.

BUILDING PROJECT: We are now pouring the floor of the building and I expect we will see dramatic progress from this prayer letter to the next. Praise God for the arrival of short-term missionary **Stephen Summers** who designed the building from overseas and is now here to construct it with the help of the men of our church. Unexpected excavation costs have thrown off our budget, so despite the great giving of the church members here and from kind churches and individuals overseas, we are still in need of **\$6,000** to complete the work. If led of the Lord to assist with our final push, please be sure to note **BUILDING PROJECT** so that funds are properly distinguished from the cyclone relief funds.

RADIO STATION PROJECT: Cyclone Evan hit our capital the hardest so the government offices are damaged, backlogged, and understaffed, meaning our license and FM designation are delayed. Please pray for this to get moving. I hope to have better news by the next prayer letter. It would have been very valuable to have the radio station operational when the cyclone hit so that our people could have been better informed.

BIBLE PROJECT: Our final type-setting of the Samoan Bible has also been set back a few months because our typesetter, Robyn, has been without water and power ever since the cyclone. Pene and Robyn Faafouina are dear friends and faithful missionaries and your prayers for them as well as the Bible project would be greatly appreciated.

A great end to a great year... God worked marvelously in our final services of 2012. In the morning service we had a full altar of church members "doing business" with the Lord and we saw another adult visitor receive Christ as Savior. In the evening, we had year-end testimonies and many praises were flying as people recounted God's faithful working in their lives throughout the year. May God bless you according to the riches of His grace in 2013.

(additional pictures and contact information included on page 2)

Jim & Emi Civale

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Pastor Scot Daku (front left), Brother Richard Park (center clown), Junior Paea (front right clown), and the rest of the team from American Samoa did a great job at the VBS from 12/19-12/22



Guest preacher Richard Park after morning service on 12/23. Emi led the woman in gray to Richard's right to the Lord just moments earlier during the altar call.



Please pray for Pastor Pili (left) and Manumalo Baptist Church of Apia on their long road to recovery after cyclone Evan (see damaged classroom above and computer lab below)



BEAMS BIBLES: A wonderful organization called BEAMS sent us 1200 hardcover Bibles which arrived about two months ago, but up until December 29th, they were stored over at Pastor Pili's place in the capital. Because Pastor Pili and his church members acted so quickly when the cyclone hit, almost none of the Bibles were damaged. These English Bibles will be used in a program I will be conducting through the district school here in Asau starting in the new year. I will be teaching English and Bible (I am so glad that Samoa does not have separation of church and state hang-ups!)

By the way, the bearded man to my right is Stephen Summers, the missionary carpenter mentioned above. He will be staying with us until the second week of February.

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