

# The Civale Family Prayer Letter

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*Testifying... repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20:21*

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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your kindness, friendship, and prayers. It has been a real joy to visit churches here in the U.S. last month. I've heard great preaching and great music and have feasted on sweet fellowship.

Please allow me to dedicate this prayer letter to four needs -- two "people needs" and two "project needs."

I have noticed on this furlough that many of the churches I visit have three or four capable **piano players** while we still have none in the church in Asau. This moves me to put out a plea. If you can read music, play the great hymns of the faith, teach others to play, and would surrender to spend at least six months on our mission field, please contact me. We need you!

Emi and her teachers are doing an excellent job with the ABC Academy (a ministry of *Asau Baptist Church*). Both, the school's reputation and student body are growing. We currently go up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and plan to expand to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade next February. However, because our students are more advanced in reading, writing, and math than their older siblings at the government school in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and even 8<sup>th</sup> grades, our parents are begging us to add more grade levels right away. Friends, we need **Christian school teachers**. This opportunity is ideal for because it does not demand that you learn the Samoan language to be effective. If you are interested, please contact me. We need you!

We also have two projects in the works. First, we need to construct a bathroom facility for our church and school campus. The church back in Asau is taking special offerings and saving for this facility. Now that the Asau Baptist Church is becoming more grounded as an independent, indigenous church, it is vital that they take on more of their own projects and fund them through their own giving. Therefore, I am mentioning this project **ONLY** to ask for your prayers, and **NOT** to ask for special

Our second project in the works is the launching of a **bus ministry**. When we distributed New Testaments and Bible tracts earlier this year to five neighboring villages, we heard over and over that if people had a way to get to our church, they would come. We continue to hear this as we visit the outlying villages. Since almost no one on our island has an automobile, and since buses do not run on Sundays, we need our own buses to address this issue. I believe that we would not only see our church grow in number, but that we would also develop inroads to start churches in those neighboring villages. With that in mind, I am asking for prayers for the Lord's provision for two buses. Please pray for God to move the hearts of churches and individuals to invest in the start-up of our bus ministry in Asau.

With all we have seen God do in Asau in the last three years, it is no great stretch to believe that He is not done yet! I pray that many reading this will be moved to prayer and action in the different areas mentioned.

Sincerely and gratefully,

*Jim & Emi Civale*



*Please pray for the development of our bus ministry*