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Dear Pastor,

Greetings! As Southeast Asia Director for Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI), I would like to strongly recommend Jim and Emi Civale, missionaries in Samoa. Every pastor wants to partner with and support missionaries that are going to do something for the LORD and His Kingdom. I can personally attest to the fact that the Civales are having a great impact in the village of Asau, Savai'i in Samoa. I have visited their church and work and can say that they are doing a great job in the name of our Saviour.

Both Jim and Emi are true servants putting forth a great effort to reach out to their village and island with the Gospel. They both have such a great grasp of the language and culture that is invaluable in trying to navigate the many nuances of everyday Samoan life. Emi, being born and raised in Samoa, is back in the village of her youth and so much of it comes natural. Yet for Jim, it is amazing to watch how he has adapted into being Samoan. His fluency in the language is tremendous. The level of respect that Jim has garnered throughout the village is obvious. This has opened up many doors of opportunity for them to proclaim Jesus Christ.

Their church, Asau Baptist, is a vibrant church that is growing and active. Jim is focused on discipleship and training men for future church leadership. Emi is also having a huge impact on helping woman understand the Word of God and to live out their faith. Much of Samoan culture is based on religious and Christian traditions. The Civales are helping people to see the light of the true Gospel, and the need for a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Alongside the church, there is also a Christian school that the Civales operate. This has allowed them to minister to over 90 students in both academics and Biblical truth. The school is highly respected across the village for the level of excellence that is seen throughout.

Pastor, every week you get letters and phone calls from missionaries seeking the opportunity to present their ministry to your church. You would love to have everyone in, if possible, but that is not realistic. So choices have to be made. Please consider Jim and Emi Civale. I testify to you that they are working hard for the LORD. If you have them in for a meeting, I know that you will be blessed by what is happening over in the South Pacific on the island of Samoa.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at the BIMI Home Office (423) 344-5050 or via email at seadirector@bimi.org.

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