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Dear Pastor:

I continually thank the Lord for the experience and ministry that He gave us in the Samoan Islands. I draw from that experience frequently in the ministry that I now have with Baptist International Outreach (BIO). I am also thankful for the life long friendships that we continue to enjoy.

The church members of Vai O Le Ola Baptist Church continue in their faithfulness to the Lord. This, for the most part, is due to the faithfulness of the man of God that they have had as their pastor for the last seven years. I will never forget the day that our loving heavenly Father brought Jim Civale to our church; nor the day his wife, Emiliana, was saved; nor the privilege that I had of baptizing Brother Jim and Miss Emi and their two oldest children into our church; nor the day that Brother Jim was called to preach. Brother Jim is my dear friend. We have toiled, cried, laughed, and learned together.

Recently our gracious and loving Savior has led Brother Jim, now Dr. Jim Civale, and his dear family to do church planting as BIMI Missionaries in the Samoan islands. I highly recommend my friend to you. Dr. Civale is a man of proven character and integrity. He has a passion for souls, and is an anointed preacher of the Gospel.

If you have the Civale's come to present their ministry to your church they will encourage and strengthen your people's resolve in the area of missions. They are a product of missions and fruit from your mission dollars that you sent through us in the Samoan Islands!

Even though God in His sovereignty has led us away from the Samoan Islands our hearts are still there. There is still a great need for more Independent Baptist Churches. I ask you to schedule my friend to come to your church and consider him and his lovely wife as your missionaries to the Samoan Islands.

Yours for Missions,

John Yingling, D. Min.