



# JIM & EMI CIVALE

## MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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



March 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

We last wrote to you in mid-February during the afterglow of a missions trip and aftermath of a tropical cyclone. We are glad to report that we are well and God has continued to work mightily in our midst.



Several visitors who attended Brother Sopo's ordination last month have kept coming back. Two weeks after the ordination, one woman walked the aisle in tears the very minute the altar call opened. Emi was still praying in her place when Fuaesi grabbed Emi's cheeks and turned her face toward her own. Seeing the tears streaming, Emi knew what to do. Fuaesi trusted Christ as Savior that day and was baptized and added to the church the next Sunday. A young man named Alefaio was also baptized and added that day. Please pray for the others visitors to be saved, baptized, and added as well.



In March, Emi and I traveled to New Zealand — about a three-hour flight from Samoa — for our mission board's bi-annual field conference. The fellowship was outstanding! We appreciate the planning of our field director, Dr. Steven Maldoff, and preaching of our vice president at BIMI, Dr. J.B. Godfrey. BIMI missionaries Robert and Diana Rutta and the Dunedin Community Baptist Church did a great job hosting the conference and we thank God for them, too. While in New Zealand,



I was able to preach seven times in three different churches. We are most grateful to BIMI missionaries, Jerry and Dawn Judd, who hosted us in their home, drove us all over the north and south islands, and arranged the different preaching opportunities. We especially enjoyed meeting some of the Samoan diaspora in two of the churches we visited.

In January we asked you to pray for Atonio and Tovaega to be saved. Praise God for answered prayers! While we were away, the couple came forward after Sopo preached and called the invitation. Our newly-ordained assistant pastor had the opportunity to lead them to the Lord and they have now expressed a desire to be baptized and added to Asau Baptist Church. What a great God we serve!

Thank you again and again for you faithful friendship, prayers, and support.

- *Jim and Emi Civalé*

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