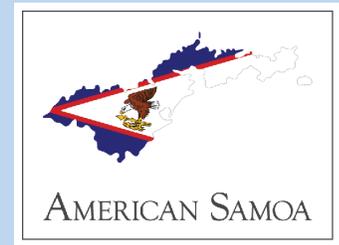


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MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

AUGUST 1, 2018



Dear friends,

Greetings from Samoa! We enjoyed a very full month of ministry in July. I'm not sure how much of it we can squeeze into this letter, but we'll try. It was my first month overseeing the one church in Samoa and the other in American Samoa. Praise God for the moving of the Holy Spirit and the response of the believers in both locations. In Samoa, our assistant pastor and the deacons did a great job feeding the flock and continuing the Bible distribution. I was away most of the month and they far exceeded expectations. We had tremendous response to our Samoan Bible distributions, both when I was there at the beginning of the month and as they continued in my absence. We covered seven whole villages and only one person did not respond positively. Everyone else received the Bibles with joy and gratitude, often in tears. In one village, I went into the police station and gave Bibles to each of the officers for them and their family members. The captain, who had been sleeping in his quarters, awoke shortly after I left. Once he heard of my visit, I was a wanted man! He sent an officer running out to get me to come back to the station. When I arrived, he thanked me profusely and asked to have our picture taken together in front of his vehicle. He was touched to receive the Word of God and I was touched by his response.



In American Samoa we had an equally positive response to the Bible distributions. It served both to excite the church there and to bless the recipients of the Bibles. To the left, you can see my main distribution partner, Brother Uele (in the gray pants), giving two boxes of Bibles to a very grateful village pastor in one of the outlying villages. The pastor really liked the introductory pages, especially the plan of salvation. Pray, friends, for souls to be saved way out there on the east side of the island!



In American Samoa, we had three of our church members face serious health crises at the same time—a young child who spent several days in ICU, a young woman who spent several days in the hospital, and a middle-aged man who spent a week in the medical ward. God certainly used those events to show His love through His local church body, to soften some hearts that had become hardened, and to remind the church what a mighty God we serve. I wish you could have heard all the testimonies shared last Sunday night! I believe the Holy Spirit is using these events along with Bible distributions to bring about real revival. We have seen the altar awakened, believers reconciled, a man saved last Sunday morning, another saved at the hospital, a family asking about being baptized and added to the church, and an individual asking to see me next week about baptism. Please pray for lasting revival and visible results.

One of the many highlights of the month was the week Mrs. Melissa Bingham and her daughter Samantha visited. They helped set up our library, conducted a reading program, shared at chapels, at the women's fellowship, and in church services. I was over in American Samoa at the time, but Emi has given me glowing reports about what a blessing they were. The Bingham family has helped this ministry many times before and are dear to us. You can learn more about them at www.hometeamsmiissions.org. Samantha is praying about returning after a few years of schooling to serve with us!!!



Last month, we bid farewell to Anna Stockman who served in our school for two months. What a blessing and help she was! As we saw her off, I thought someone from the airport would need to come over with a mop as she and Emi kept hugging and exchanging tearful good-byes.

Thank you, dear friends, for all you do for Him, for Samoa and for us. Have a blessed August!

- Jim & Emi Civale

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