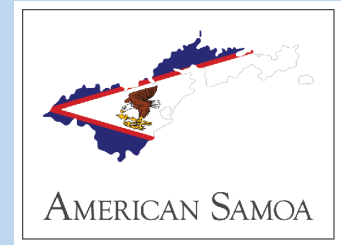


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MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

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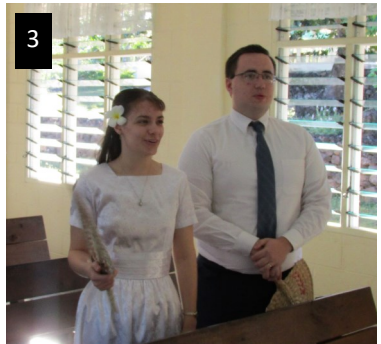
Dear friends,

Have you ever had two close friends you know very well, but they didn't know each other? You plan an event where they will get to meet and you pray it all goes really well. That's sort of how Emi and I felt when planning for the eighteen-person missions team from the church in Samoa to go over to the church in American Samoa. Knowing and loving both church families as we do, Emi and I really prayed that many meaningful relationships would form as the two churches ministered together.

It couldn't have gone better! Seeing the two churches passing out Bibles and tracts together, sponsoring a youth camp together, sharing the altar to make important decisions together (picture 4), doing skits and special music together (picture 1), and sharing testimonies around a camp fire together — it was awesome! The church in American Samoa went way above the call of duty in hosting the group from Samoa, feeding them like kings and queens and showering them with gifts. The church in Samoa also went to extreme lengths to prepare so well ahead of time and to pour themselves out while in American Samoa. What a blessing the whole week was! I still cannot stop thinking about the tearful goodbyes at the airport.



One of many things that is so special to me about the trip is that the two churches were out together when the last of the 15,000 Samoan Bibles were distributed. The group went to the tuna cannery and passed out Bibles when the workers came out for their lunch break (pictures 5 & 6). One person after another came over to get their own copy of the Word of God in their own language. Thank you to all who gave last year so we could print and ship the Bibles.



We also hosted a couple from Ohio last month, Andrew and Hannah Perkins (picture 3). Hannah had spent a year with us in 2014 teaching piano and other subjects in the school and the church family has been thrilled to see her again. Andrew and Hannah have been doing a great job together teaching piano, recorders, Bible, math, and song leading. Andrew also preached both in Samoa and American Samoa on the purpose of music in the church (picture 2). It was a timely and much-needed message.

Thank you for continuing to uphold us in prayer.

—Jim & Emi Civale



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