

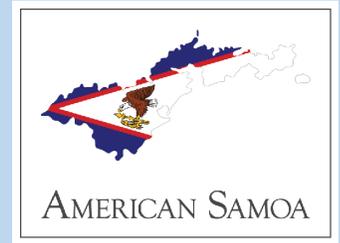


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MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

FEBRUARY 1, 2019



Dear Friends,

Since our return from the US last month, we have been going non-stop. We are always busy in the ministry here, but it has been especially busy this year. Emi returned with just a few days to get ready for the new school year. She lost one teacher but has a temporary worker helping while she seeks a permanent replacement. Thank you again for praying for her medical treatment last month. She is well, strong, and pain-free. I have been cautioning her not to push herself too hard, too fast, but all I can say is she's trying.

I couldn't be happier with the progress at Asau Baptist Church. As we have solid intentions to turn this work over entirely to national leadership soon, it was encouraging to see how our assistant pastor, our two deacons, and our deacon candidate have been doing on their own. Brother Olosa'a's ordination as deacon will be on February 17th while we are hosting a BIMI CLAIM and New Zealand mission team. Brother Olosa'a led and preached on Wednesday night and did a fine job.

During the two weeks our missions team will be with us, there will be special preaching by Missionaries Jerry Judd, Garth Piper, and Phil Smith. Mrs. Dawn Judd, Mrs. Susan Smith, and a young lady from New Zealand will also be speaking at chapels, in Bible classes, and at the Women's Fellowship. The men on the team will be undertaking several projects such as building a baptistery and redoing our kitchen. Because of the damage to our kitchen roof and ceiling by cyclone Gita last year, we needed to replace the whole thing. We also decided to replace the wooden walls with cement block, and build cabinets. We are most grateful for special funds given last year after the cyclone and for the various Christmas offerings and special gifts we received in December and January. In order to maximize on the team's time with us later this month, we have already begun the work ahead of their arrival. The cement block work was finished today and we are ready to start the trusses tomorrow. I expect the trusses will be done and in place and the roofing tins all cut to size and ready to screw on before the team even arrives. We may even finish tiling the kitchen floor, too, if the men keep up their current pace.

In American Samoa, where I expected to be for nearly a month before coming over to Samoa, I only stayed for one Sunday. That first week back I received news that a national pastor with whom we work in Samoa, Pastor Pili Fata, had a massive heart attack. The next day, I flew over to visit him and committed to preach for two Sundays because his assistant pastor is in Fiji for his grandfather's funeral. In American Samoa, our associate pastor, is covering while I am over in Samoa. The church there has seen much growth lately and a whole lot of visitors. You may recall from our last few prayer letters just before our medical leave, that they were on fire there. I am happy to report that the fire is still burning. There were five visitors the Sunday I was there!

When the mission team leaves Samoa on February 21st, I will fly back to American Samoa and spend more time there. Please pray for both churches to continue on such good trajectories, and PLEASE pray fervently for Pastor Pili Fata, Mrs. Tasi, and their church as well. It was encouraging to see the progress from my first hospital visit last Friday to the second on Monday. Pastor Pili's speech and thoughts were both clearer and he had certainly gained some strength. He remains hospitalized, however, and your prayers would be appreciated.

Please excuse the lack of pictures this month. I will try to make up for it next month. Thank you for your faithful friendship, prayers, and support. We are greatly blessed to be serving on your behalf in the Samoan Islands.

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