

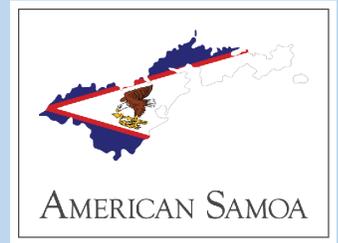


# JIM & EMI CIVALE

## MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

**JUNE 1, 2019**



Dear Friends,

Last month kept us on the move from the very first day to the last. The month began with special sessions on homiletics (the art of preaching) held for five men from the church in American Samoa. As part of their training, they begin Wednesday-night preaching through the months of June and July. Please pray for them. We are using a simple outline for the course—the discovery, development, and delivery of a sermon.

Emi and I also made a quick trip to the US with our dear friends, Sam and Lisa Lei Sam and their daughter Noelle. Brother Sam serves as a deacon at the church in American Samoa and has been in the church for about twenty years. In fact, back when I was only recently saved and working as a school principal and Sam was a newly hired teacher, he heard me giving the gospel



to an elderly man in an ambulance and asked afterwards where I went to church. The next Sunday he, Lisa, and their baby son came to church. They were saved the following week and have been coming to church ever since! The Lei Sams traveled with us for our sons' college graduations which were held a week apart, the first in Florida being our son Salvatore's and the second their son Jay's in New York. Our twelve-day visit was way too short, but I thank God for the safe travels and especially for time with our



grandchildren. You can see the Lei Sams to the right, with our son (top picture), and their son (bottom picture). Of course, I had to add a picture of our granddaughter Millie and her "Uncle Toto" with his diploma (to the left).

We got back to the islands on May 20<sup>th</sup> and have been busy since. One of the highlights was a trip over to Apia, Samoa, where I served as the guest speaker for a Bible College graduation for Lighthouse Baptist Church on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Their missionary pastor and wife, Brother Pene and Mrs. Robyn, are dear friends of ours and have co-labored with us on many projects over the years. Their graduation was well attended and I praise the Lord for the opportunity not only to challenge and encourage the graduates, but also to give the gospel to many presumably unsaved.



Before I go, let me ask for your prayers for a couple repeat visitors who have begun attending the church in American Samoa last month. I've been watching them and believe one in particular has been under conviction of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for him to be saved soon.

Thank you.

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