

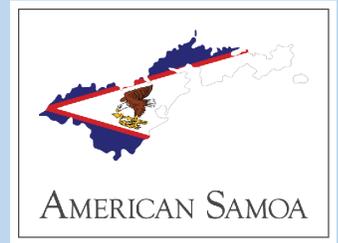


JIM & EMI CIVALE

MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

JULY 1, 2019



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many birthday wishes, cards, and gifts last month. I must be aging because I went to the hardware store in American Samoa yesterday and they asked if I had my senior citizen discount card with me. I won't even be eligible for another six years! My birthday fell this year a day before Father's day so I had a double celebration. On top of that, Father's Day in Samoa falls in August so I'll get to celebrate it a second time as I will be back in Asau that month. We had well-attended Father's Day services in American Samoa and a great feast afterwards. We combined Father's Day this year with an acknowledgment of all our graduates from preschool, elementary school, high school, and college. Everyone enjoyed the "Dads and Grads" Sunday and we had several visitors who got to hear the gospel.

In June, we also ordained four deacons at Vai o le Ola Baptist Church in American Samoa. You can see Pastor Mac Ane (our associate pastor), me, and Pastor Peneueta Faafouina (our special speaker visiting from Samoa), praying over Deacon Sam, Deacon Mino, Deacon Alex, and Deacon Carl. The four men have begun studying homiletics on Saturdays and preaching on Wednesdays. You can see their wives, Mrs. Netini, Mrs. Manda, Mrs. Flo, and Mrs. Lisa being prayed over by Mrs. Dorothy Ane, Mrs. Emi, and Mrs. Robyn Faafouina.



Over in Samoa, Emi began the third quarter of the school year at ABC Academy. Our school participated in the kick-off to the 2019 Pacific Games which are being hosted by Samoa this year. Our small island nation will be hosting more than 5,000 athletes, officials, and staff, so it is a big deal here. Our student body participated in a country-wide torch relay that included every village in Samoa. You can see Emi with one of our torch-bearers, Vanisa Amosa, to the left.

I close with three important prayer requests. The first is for a couple repeat visitors to the church in American Samoa to experience "repentance toward God," and exercise "faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." The second is for the altar worker sessions I am beginning this Saturday for our deacons, wives, and several others so that we are better prepared to witness and to counsel those coming forward during invitations. The third is for a couple families who have indicated that they wish to begin attending Asau Baptist Church but have pressures related to extended family and other church associations. It is a different world in the Pacific with enormous pressures that are often not understood in other parts of the world. Please pray for continued conviction of the Holy Spirit and increased courage on the part of these people.

As always, we thank you very, very much for your faithful friendship, prayers, and support.

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