

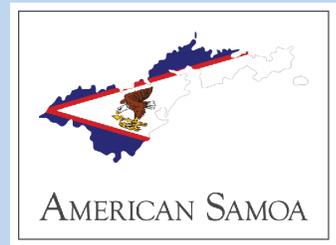


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MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

AUGUST 1, 2019



Dear Friends,

Once again, I have had the joy of reaping where others have sown. As you know, I have been overseeing both of our church plants this year, the one in Samoa and the other in American Samoa. About five or six years ago, a woman named Kolopa “Lena” Lualua placed her faith in Christ during the time that BIMI missionaries Scot and Katie Daku were serving in American Samoa. Since then, Lena has been attending Vai o le Ola Baptist Church but had never been baptized or added to the church. Two of her older sons, Teve and Hans, were saved, baptized, and added, but Lena delayed, praying for her husband to be saved first. During this year, I spoke with her husband, Feagaimalii “Ata” Lualua, a couple times. Each time he was very polite and friendly, but not ready to repent toward God and place his faith in Christ. He was a moral man, faithful to his wife, diligent at his job at a local hardware store, friendly to the church, and often in attendance at services and functions of the church. Some months ago, I told Ata that when he was ready, he could approach me at any time to discuss these spiritual matters further. On Saturday, July 27, he did exactly that, coming with his wife and daughter, Naomi. As our time together unfolded, Brother Ata shared his spiritual journey over the years of recognizing God at work in his life. He affirmed his belief in God, but also attested that he had never personally turned to God in repentance and faith. He was ready, and as stated above, I reaped where others have sown. Brother Ata is the strong, silent type, but here he was turning to Christ in prayer with tears running down his face. Over on the other sofa, his daughter, Naomi was also in tears, moved at the sight of her father being born again and wanting to know that her sins had been forgiven, too. She was also ready. After one more delightful walk down the Roman’s Road, Naomi also put her faith in Christ, glad to share her spiritual birthday with her dad. It was my joy to baptize the three of them, seen above just before we headed to the baptistery, On Sunday, July 28, 2019.



Another great highlight of the month of July was the privilege I had to sit on the ordination council and to preach the ordination service for Brother Maligi and Mrs. Tupu, members of Manumalo Baptist Church in Samoa. You may recall that their pastor, Pili Fata, suffered a stroke earlier in the year and I filled the pulpit for him for several weeks while his assistant pastor was away in Fiji and he was convalescing. Praise God that Pastor Pili is doing much better, with only small residual effects from the stroke. His former deacon and wife have now been ordained as the pastor and pastor’s wife to serve in a mission church of Manumalo in the village of Satalo. Please pray for Pastor Maligi and continue to pray for Pastor Pili.



Thank you again and again for your prayers for Emi and me and the works in Samoa. Your grateful friends,

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