

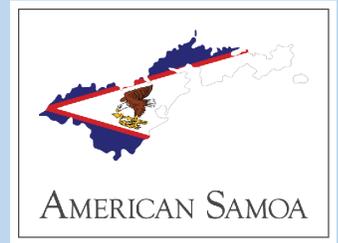


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MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019



Dear Friends,

It's been great to be back in Asau for the month of August. We had our Father's Day on August 11th, the close of the the third quarter of our school year on August 30th and special school performances on that same day. We also spent a lot of time bringing plans together that have been in the works for some time now.

Three major events are being planned for the ten-year anniversary of Asau Baptist Church on the first weekend of February, 2020. First, we plan to install Assistant Pastor Sopo as the senior pastor of the church. Second, we plan to ordain Deacon Ropati as the youth pastor/assistant pastor for the church. The third thing we wish to include on that weekend is the ground-breaking for our church hall/multi-purpose building. We will see where we are on the finances as we get closer, but I am encouraged to see that the local church here has already given special offerings over the last year for more than half of what is needed for the project. Please pray for all of the different preparations for the tenth anniversary.

Brother Sopo and Mrs. Kalala will be presented to the village in a special ceremony that entails feeding the village and making culture presentations to the chiefs of monetary gifts, fine mats, cases of corned beef, cases of canned fish, roasted pigs, and at least one slaughtered cow. Please also pray for Deacon Ropati as he prepares to sit before his ordination council. His ordination will be another large cultural event with the same aspects mentioned above in Sopo's case. Finally, please pray for the continued giving for the building project. Most importantly, please pray for strength, grace, and wisdom as we progress toward that date. The enemy does not sit still when major moves like this to advance the work of God are underway, so we covet your prayers.

Next Sunday I will be preaching a building dedication for my friend, Pastor Pili Fata, over in the capital on the next island. The following morning, Emi and I will fly from Samoa back over the dateline to return to Vai o Ola Baptist Church in American Samoa for a second Sunday. I will continue assisting the church there as they also transition from having missionary pastors to calling and fully supporting their own pastor. Please pray for all of us have patience and wisdom in the process and to be in one accord. As always, we thank God for your prayers and kindness.

Jim & Emi Civale



Our oldest father in the church, Suliasi Failauga, and a few of his many grandchildren. Suliasi gave a great message on Elijah during the morning service. The cutie in front of me with the flowers on her dress is Carol, named after our daughter.



Father's Day, August 11, 2019

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