

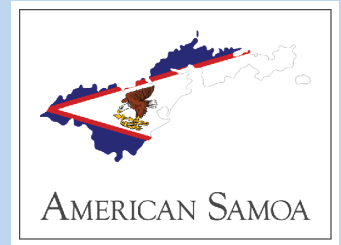


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MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

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Dear Friends,

It certainly has been a September to remember at both Vai o le Ola Baptist Church in American Samoa and Asua Baptist Church in Samoa.

In American Samoa, we saw one family and one individual added to the church.

Jeff and Jennie Demonteverde had both been saved and baptized in an independent Baptist church in the Philippines but had not found our church immediately upon moving to American Samoa. For awhile, they attended a largely Filipino church nearby but were uncomfortable with the contemporary music and charismatic style of worship. They visited our church and knew right away they were where they belonged. After they visited a few times, I was making casual conversation with them after the morning service and invited them to let me know if they would like to meet to discuss becoming members. That evening they returned to church and asked what they needed

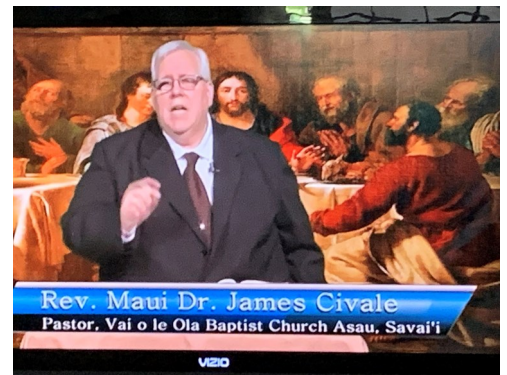


to do to join the church. We met, and one week later they were brought before the church and added. Please pray for their children **Lucille Jean** and **Nyll Geoff** to be saved, baptized, and added in God's timing. The Demonteverde's decision inspired one of our other Filipina ladies who has a similar background and she also came to see me. One week later, **Hazel Dejeeto** was welcomed into membership. In American Samoa, I was also given several opportunities to record Samoan sermons which were aired on the government TV station, KVZK-TV. I have been surprised to see how many people view the program and to receive so much encouraging feedback. I am very grateful to my dear friend, Pastor Faatui Laolagi, for opening that door for me through his program. I have been invited to record more messages each time I am in American Samoa which is every two weeks at this point. I also appreciate the KVZK-TV staff for teaching me the ropes.

In Samoa, the church has remained steady under Assistant Pastor Sopo's leadership. His wife has been doing a good job preparing the children for their big White Sunday (or Children's Sunday) that will fall on the second Sunday of October. We are looking forward to Sopo and Kalala's installation as pastor and pastor's wife coming up in February on the church's tenth anniversary. As mentioned in last month's prayer letter, it will be a huge event as we will see Sopo brought to the village in a major cultural ceremony, Brother Ropati and Gau ordained as the new assistant/youth pastor and wife, and possibly even the ground-breaking ceremony for a new building if enough funding is



in place. I will share more about all of this in our next prayer letter. For now, please continue to pray for us all to remain submitted to God and resistant to the devil. One more big thing before I go. Praise God for a great victory in the village of Asau this month. You may recall the prayer request for **Brother Faatupua Panoa** and his family who had been banished from the village for leaving their old church and coming to ours. Praise God, the village council reversed the decision imposed by their sub-committee and the dear brother and his family are now back in the village and added to our church. You can see him smiling to the left.



It has been exciting to see the churches growing, both numerically and spiritually. Please pray for the pastor search in American Samoa and the upcoming installation of the new pastor in Samoa. Thank you very much for your faithful friendship and partnership.

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