The Jim Civale Family Missionaries to Samoa March 1, 2012

"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20

Dear Praying Friends,

On February 19th, the Lord provided me the opportunity to preach on our main television channel, TV3, which airs here in Samoa and in American Samoa. Using the text above, I preached a straight salvation message which the Lord blessed mightily, allowing me to preach without notes and completely in the Samoan language. Since then, everywhere I have gone, people have commented favorably on the message. Here in our remote village of Asau, the word had spread that I'd be on television, and many from the village congregated at houses of friends who have televisions. Evidently, it honored the village to have one of their pastors on TV. This exposure has opened many doors for me and members of our church



Deacon Vatau Tigaina preached his first message last week from Jonah 2, "Praying from the Depths." It was a perfect message for our Wednesday evening prayer service.

to witness and I thank God for using His Word. Several people in the village for whose salvation I have been praying watched the broadcast. *Please pray for the seed scattered to take root and grow.*

Another of our deacons preached his first sermons last month. It has been a blessing to help our men prepare messages and to give them feedback on their delivery. The other two deacons have been preaching for awhile now, so this means all four are now preaching the Word of God! Truly, each one has done a great job. Last Wednesday night, after Deacon Vatau preached his first message, Deacon Masimalo stood up to take prayer requests but could not begin for several minutes because of his tears of joy at hearing the preaching of his brother in the Lord. *Please pray for the four deacons as they develop their preaching skills, even praying that some of them may be called to full-time preaching.* Oh, how Samoa needs Samoan men preaching the Word of God in spirit and in truth!

On Friday, two of our men and two of our teens (including our son Salvatore) left for a short-term missions project over on the isalnd of Upolu. They are helping Pastor Peneueta Faafouina and Lighthouse Baptist Church of Vaitele Fou with their church building project. The church building will be blessed on March 31st and April 1st and Emi and I and a group from our church here in Asau will travel to be with them for the two days. *Please pray for safe travels, fruitful labors, and spiritual growth for Deacon Masimalo, Kiuga, Salvatore, and Failautusi. Please also pray for Pastor Peneueta and Lighthouse Baptist Church.*

Finally, *please pray for the arrival of our school curriculum, New Testaments, Bible tracts, and remaining cargo.* They are all greatly needed and have been delayed for a number of reasons, all of which our Lord can resolve.

> Your grateful friends, Jim & Emi Civale

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