

The Jim Civale Family

Missionaries to Samoa
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I will greatly praise the LORD
with my mouth; yea, I will
praise him among
the multitude
Psalm 109:30



Last month, four of our deacons and I (back row) attended a preachers' conference and deacon's ordination hosted by Pastor Peneueta Faafouina (dark blue shirt) at Lighthouse Baptist Church. Five years earlier, I had the joy of leading one of those new deacons to the Lord in our living room in American Samoa. Back then, Malaki (light blue shirt) was single; now, he is married, has a son, is serving as a deacon, and has surrendered to preach.

Dear Praying Friends,

I love that hymn... "I will praise Him! I will praise Him! Praise the Lamb for sinners slain (*for sinners slain*).
Give Him glory, all ye people, for His blood can wash away each stain."

As I sit to pen this prayer letter, the melody plays in my mind and blesses my soul. Friends, I *will* praise Him! I will *greatly* praise Him for Who He is and for what He's doing here in Samoa... and for all of you in the US, Canada, Germany, Australia, Japan and everywhere else this letter reaches. Thank you all for praying for us and praising with us.

- Praise the Lord for progress on the **Samoa Bible Project** last month. The Lord brought us two new team members who have really helped move the project forward. We are now down to 14 books to proofread and prepare for typesetting. Then the final round of proofing begins.
- Praise the Lord for **three more souls saved, baptized and added** to Asau Baptist Church last month. Hallelujah! He's not done building His church in Asau. **Tavai, Tautua, and Lei** became the newest members of the ABC family last month.
- Praise the Lord for **Iosua**, a man in our church who surrendered last month to serve as a **deacon**. Please pray for him as he prepares to be ordained later this year together with Melesala. Praise the Lord for **Melesala**, too, **who has begun full-time training for preaching and church-planting**. Melesala and I now spend all week together in studies and service together. Please pray for him as he is now leading the youth ministry and helping Deacon Sopo to head up our **tract month in September**. We will be visiting every family in the village with a Samoan New Testament, a Bible tract, and a willing heart to directly share the gospel as led of the Holy Spirit.
- Praise the Lord for **BEAMS** and **BEACON of TRUTH**, two ministries that are partnering to send us 1200 English Bibles for an outreach through the local schools here that is to begin early next year. The Bibles are ready to be shipped as I write.
- Praise the Lord that we are getting closer every day to seeing the equipment for the **radio station** packed and shipped, and Pastor Ted Martens boarding flights to come out to Samoa to prepare us to launch this exciting ministry of ABC.
- Praise the Lord for a little more than \$10,000 raised through the local church here for the new building project, and for another \$5,000 raised off-island. That brings us to nearly half of what is needed. Lord willing, we will **break ground and begin building in December**.

Indeed, in light of all that the Lord is doing here in Samoa, I can only concur with the sweet psalmist...

"I will greatly praise the Lord... yea, I will praise Him in the multitude!"



Father's Day in Samoa was on August 12. Emi and the ABC Ladies' Fellowship presented all of the fathers of the church with candy ula's (or lei's) and new ties.

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