



Civale Family Prayer Letter 1st February 2013

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to world-wide missions. Your prayers and sacrifices for the work here in Asau are greatly appreciated.

As you might imagine, January was largely occupied with the building project. The earlier part of the month presented major challenges due to heavy rains that persisted for nearly two weeks. After cyclone Evan in December and the delays it caused, we were beginning to lose hope that we would ever be able to finish the building in time. On January 20th, another cyclone warning was issued and everyone in Samoa was bracing for a second hit. This time, the path of the cyclone was projected to slam the Asau district directly. I began praying at 4:00 a.m. on Monday morning. I am sure that my prayer was not theologically correct. There were no “according to Thy will” statements of any kind. I just began pleading with the Lord to redirect cyclone Gary out to sea. As the rain pounded our roof and the winds began to intensify, I begged my “Daddy” to do something fast. And He did! Before my one-on-One prayer session ended, the rain stopped and the wind died. We ended up having our most productive day of work and we’ve had great weather ever since. In that one week we put up all 29 trusses, put on the roof, poured the cement for the front walkway, constructed the walkway roof, and nearly completed all the interior walls. Thank you, friends, for praying with us; thank you, Lord, for hearing us!

Please pray for the final funding to come in to complete and dedicate the building. We are about \$4,000 short and stretched thin at this point. Although we are short on finances, we are not short on faith. God has been so faithful to us in the past that it would be foolish to fret in the present.

As preoccupied as we have been with the building, we have also advanced our radio station licensing. The government offices re-opened and began operating and we received our radio station license on January 11th. We were beginning to think that it would never be issued but, praise God, we got it! The only thing we are waiting for now is the actual FM designation from the Office of the Regulator over in the capital. After visiting the office a couple times and jumping through more than a few hoops, it looks like we will get our frequency assigned any day now. Please pray!

We have had well-attended services, some great decisions made at the altar, a good number of visitors, and a few very strong prospects for salvation, baptism, and church membership. More on that next month.

Your friends in Samoa,
Jim & Emi Civale

P.S. Thank you for the response to the cyclone relief appeal for Pastor Pili Fata and Manumalo Baptist Church and School. Between overseas giving and giving from our local church here in Asau, we were able to present the Fata family and ministry a total of \$4,000. They have re-opened their school for the new year in rented facilities as they work to reconstruct their chapel and school buildings. They have a long road ahead of them and continued prayers would be appreciated.

