

The Civale Family Prayer Letter

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

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May God bless short-term missionary carpenter Stephen Summers for his leading of and laboring with the men of Asau Baptist Church.

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you again and again to all who helped us complete the ABC Educational Building. The February 6th dedication was lovely and well-attended. All month long, I have had a deep sense of satisfaction as I've walked past the classrooms and seen what God is doing already in the new building. Your prayers and sacrifices were certainly not in vain.

Last month we asked you to pray that the government of Samoa would grant the FM designation for our radio station. They did! We may now go "live on 105.5." The only remaining steps are to ship out and set up the equipment. We are grateful for the tireless work of Pastor Ted Martens in New Jersey who has been testing and tweaking everything needed to launch operations. Please keep him and this project in prayer over the next couple of months as he ships the items out and then travels to Asau for the set-up and orientation.

With the aftermath of the December cyclone and the building project demands, our Samoan Bible Project was on the back burner in December and January. In February, we got back to the proofreading and typesetting work. We are now done with the New Testament and with the major and minor prophets. Our new timeline is to finish the rest of the Old Testament by the end of March and to send the whole Samoan Bible to the printer in April. I am currently on a schedule of spending one week here in Asau and the next over in the capital where the Faafouina family and I are doing the final verse-by-verse proofreading and dealing with language questions. We are committed to this schedule until the project is complete. The vision of Samoan people with their own Bible in their own language in their own hands is getting closer and closer to being realized. Please continue in prayer with us for this sacred endeavor.

With all this talk of projects and events lately, we haven't reported much on the everyday work of God through the everyday work of a church-planting missionary – the preaching and teaching, the altar work, the follow-up visits, the leading of souls to Christ, the discipling of new believers, the training of nationals, etc. We are pleased to report that God continues to bless and grow His church in Asau through these labors of love. We saw several people saved last month. Three of them will be baptized and added next Sunday. Two others who had been saved previously but never understood believer's baptism are praying about joining them. Another man continues to visit and has begun bringing his children but his wife has not yet attended. Please pray for these individuals and families.

Emi and I only have five months left before we bring our youngest up for college and take our next furlough -- I cannot believe how fast two years is flying by! We plan to be in the U.S. for six months. If any would like to have us in for meetings from August 2013 to January 2014, please contact us (see the header of this letter for ways to reach us). We will also be seeking new churches to take us on for support and any recommendations would be greatly appreciated.

His and yours truly,

Jim & Emi Civale