The Civale Family Prayer Letter   September/October 2013

Testifying… repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. **Acts 20:21**
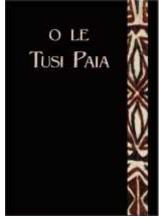
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Dear Praying Friends,

Our prayer letter is coming out later than usual this month but for good reasons. First of all, it is because I was traveling to Florida at the beginning of the month to take our three sons to school.

Our oldest, Michael, is beginning his senior year as a mechanical engineering major. It is a fifth year for him due to changing majors a couple years ago and we had been praying that his four-year scholarship would be extended to five. Praise God, just days before his semester started we received a favorable answer to those prayers. Our next son, Joseph, after taking a year off school and working at Cracker Barrel, has returned to school with a change of major to missions and a definite direction to return to Samoa. We praise God for His working in Joey's life. Our youngest son, Salvatore, started his freshman year and is also a mechanical engineering major like his oldest brother. He is off to a good start and despite missing Samoa, he seems to be enjoying meeting new people and being with his brothers again. Please pray for Michael, Joey, and Tory for good success and a close walk with the Lord. My daughter Carol took the road trip with me to drop off her brothers in Florida and then onward to Texas. Carol has earned her BA in accounting and is working in New Jersey. Please pray for Carol as she has important life choices ahead of her.

The second reason this prayer letter was delayed is that I stayed in Texas for two weeks to complete the Samoan

What do you think of the cover design for the Samoan Bible?

Bible Project with our Samoan language authority and typesetter, Pene and Robyn Faafouina. To God be the glory! We finished everything and sent it all to the publishers on September 13th. This project has taken fifteen months from start to finish and has involved well over 100 people who helped with the keyboarding, proofreading, and typesetting phases. Many more prayed.

Last month's prayer letter indicated a need for school teachers and a piano teacher. I am glad to report that Hannah Peacock from Broadview Heights Baptist Church in Ohio has answered that call. Hannah will travel to Samoa in January with Emi and me and spend a year with us. You would be blessed to read her testimony of how God made His will known. If you'd like a copy, please email me at civalejim@yahoo.com

Miss Hannah Peacock, short- term missionary piano teacher.

and write "Hannah's testimony" in the subject line.

We still have a need for preschool and elementary level teachers (see the August prayer letter or email me for details), so please pray for more people to respond to God's call to "launch out into the deep."

Please also continue to pray for the other two needs mentioned last month – the bathroom block project and the provision of buses for our bus ministry. Please see additional details about both of these needs in the August prayer letter or email me with any questions.

Emi sends her greetings and gratitude from Samoa. She and I speak twice a week on the phone and she always has encouraging news about the seven preachers-in-training who are filling the pulpit and about the her work with the teachers in the school ministry. Please pray for Emi, especially during our time apart.

Please also pray for me over the next two months as I endeavor to learn about radio station programming, sound editing, and automation. These are all new areas to me and I will need to learn a lot in a short time to be ready for my return to Samoa.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Jim & Emi Civale