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PRAYER LETTER

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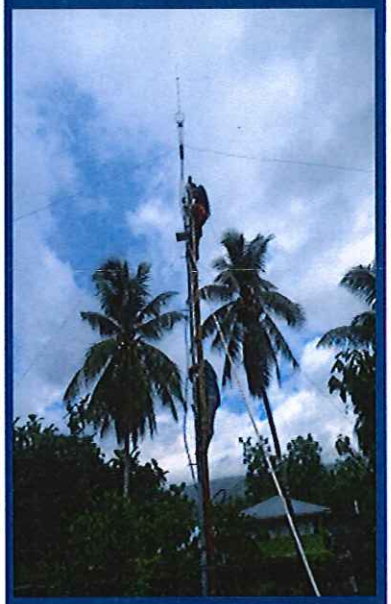
For by grace are ye saved
through faith;
and that not of yourselves:
it is the gift of God:
Not of works,
lest any man should boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9



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Dear Praying Friends,

Your prayers are invaluable to us, especially in seasons of ministry like this when we find that there is much more labor to do than laborers to do it. Please pray for the following endeavors...

Samoan Bible Project—Technology Phase: As you recall, over the last two years we have digitalized, typeset, printed, and distributed the Samoan Bible. Now, we are creating the **first concordance ever** in the Samoan language, and we are approaching software organizations to add the Samoan Bible to their **Bible-search programs.** The Lord has quickly put us in contact with very skilled and helpful people.

First, Brother Adam Wood, a missionary who had developed software to create a concordance in his own field of Cambodia, has gladly shared his time and skill and is creating a concordance for us in the Samoan language. The first thing he did was to convert our digital file into a very workable format for use with computer software. Next, he began generating lists for us to review and verify — a list of each individual word found in the Samoan Bible (all 7,695 of them!), a list of all hyphenated words, and a list of the names of people and places. He is using all of this to set up the parameters of the program that will generate the concordance. The next thing he will send us is a list of every word found in the Samoan Bible with the number of times that word appears next to it. We will decide which words do not need to be included in the concordance (words such as *the*, *and*, etc.). Then, he will send us a completed concordance document. We will work with that document to make decisions about alphabetizing words with special characters, grouping certain related words together, and other things like that. The final phase will be to format the document for publication.

We also made a huge leap forward on the **Bible-search software** front. Brother Larry Pierce, from Ontario, Canada, took the complete Samoan Bible file that Brother Wood created in Cambodia, and used it to add the Samoan Scriptures to ***Online Bible***, the program I have been using for the last fourteen years. Because I have loved this program so much, they were the first organization I contacted about including the Samoan language. I was delighted to get a positive response almost immediately. In a matter of days, Brother Pierce sent me a file and instructions for loading it into *Online Bible*. It works great! I cannot tell you how excited I am and how excited our six men in the Bible college are now that they have learned how it works. This is an incredible step forward for us in Samoa and I praise God for bringing this to pass. *(for more information about Online Bible see www.onlinebible.net)*

We also have confirmation from Brother Rick Meyers of **e-Sword**, another very popular Bible search tool. He has looked at the file Brother Wood created and said it is perfect. He informed me that he has several projects ahead of ours but that we will soon see the Samoan Bible on e-Sword. (for more information, see www.e-sword.net). We still have a list of about ten other software organizations to contact, so please pray that we continue to be received so openly by these organizations.

Radio Station: The new computer we mentioned last month has arrived and been set up, so we are up and going again. We also remounted our antenna about 25 feet higher than before, which has extended our range quite a bit (see picture of that work in progress above). Please pray for our next phase of this project as we seek to set up a sub-station on the next island near the capitol. This would allow us to reach over 20 times more people than we now reach.

Bible College Program: We are now preparing for our **final exams** for our first two classes, *Doctrines I* and *The Life of Christ*. Please pray for all six men to pass. We will begin *Doctrines II* and *Evangelism* later in the month of October. Please also pray for all six men to continue strong and for the Lord to add some others to our program.

Samoan Hymn and Piano Education (SHAPE) program: Miss Hannah Peacock, our one-year missionary teacher, has done an excellent job teaching in the school and serving in the church. She is now in the last quarter of her time with us and we ask for your prayers for her piano teaching and for the **Samoan Hymn Book** she is working on. Please especially pray for her two top students to be ready to play for services once she is gone. We need many prayers to see this happen.

White Sunday or Children's Sunday: Our biggest holiday of the year in Samoa falls on October 12 this year and we ask for you prayers for great services and for the clear presentation of the gospel as we usually have unsaved visitors in attendance for these services.

As we close, let me mention one more prayer request. We have had several repeat visitors over the last two to three months, but none have made a decision to receive Christ as Savior or to follow in believer's baptism. We have never pushed people to make fast or shallow decisions here at ***Asau Baptist Church***. The only kind of *pushing* we do is the **P**ray **U**ntil-**S**omething-**H**appens kind, so please *push* with us. The Lord has been very good to add many souls to this church over the last four-and-a-half years since it began and we trust He is not finished yet.

Thank you for every prayer lifted and every amount given to further the gospel in the islands of Samoa!