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Dear Praying Friends,

In Samoa, our biggest holidays are not Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving. In fact, Thanksgiving is not even celebrated here. Instead, Samoan people go all out to celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, and especially Children's Day or White Sunday which falls on the second Sunday of October. This year, we had lovely services. Most importantly, the gospel was presented clearly and powerfully several times throughout the day. We thank God for all who attended and especially for one elderly visitor who came forward and received Christ as his personal Savior during the invitation in the morning service. You can see our group of youth and children above and a few of our beautiful young faces to the left.

For the remainder of this prayer letter, please allow me to present three personal needs and one ministry need. Since we were saved and privileged to be called of God into the ministry fifteen years ago, we have always put the ministry first when it comes to presenting needs, but this time we are asking you to give precedence in your prayers to our personal needs, all three of which have been the source of distress over the last few months.

NEED #1 — PRAYERS FOR EMI: Please pray for Emi's health. She has developed ulcers and has experienced much pain and difficulty eating. Anyone who knows Emi, knows that she is a tireless worker. Between her responsibilities in our home, in the school, and in the church, she is constantly on the go. Please pray for her to be willing to slow down and for her health to be restored. Emi has also had recurring pain in her hands, shoulders, and most alarmingly in her chest. Last month we traveled several times to the capital to a private doctor and to the main hospital for a battery of tests. The doctor has ruled out heart problems and has attributed the pain to her constant washing of clothes by hand, which brings us to our next personal need.

NEED #2 — WASHER & DRYER: We have tried several different people and ways to repair our old washing machine over the last year and a half but to no avail, so we need to replace it. The cost will be \$950 USD. We have never owned a dryer here in Samoa, but it is time for us to get this "luxury" which it will cost \$850 USD. Please pray for the Lord's provision.

NEED #3 — VEHICLE: We need to purchase a new vehicle soon. Our 2004 Toyota Camry sedan that we bought used in 2009 has served us well, but this last year it has begun having recurring problems. We do not have access to mechanics or parts on this island so every time the car has problems, we need to travel for two days to deal with them. At this point it has become a distraction to our very busy ministry and a constant expense. We will band-aid our Camry for as long as we can but plan to purchase another vehicle as early next year as we are able. Again, please pray for the Lord's provision.

NEED #4 — MINISTRY We are currently purchasing thirty computers for a lab for our Bible college and Christian school. Because of a great deal on refurbished computers, we can provide a computer, a shared printer, classroom furniture, and cover all shipping and customs costs for only **\$175 per student**. Through local giving in the church and school here in Asau, we can already provide for 15 of the 30 students. Please pray for the Lord to raise up donors to provide for the other 15 students at \$175 each.

If you feel led of the Lord to help with one of these needs, please send your offering as follows ...

1. For the **vehicle**, please send the funds to **BIMI account #388 / Baptist International Missions, Inc. / P.O. Box 9215 / Chattanooga, TN 37412** and specify on the check's memo line **Jim Civale car fund**.
2. For the **washer/dryer** and **computer lab**, please send the funds to **Jim & Emi Civale #1325 / Baptist International Missions, Inc. / P.O. Box 9215 / Chattanooga, TN 37412** and note **washer** or **computer**.

Thank you for all you do for the Lord, us, and the people of Samoa.

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