

# JIM AND EMI CIVALE — YOUR MISSIONARIES TO SAMOA

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

## PRAYER LETTER ~ MAY 1, 2016

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your prayers last month. The situation we mentioned in the April prayer letter has certainly improved. Several people who had been adversely affected have rebounded and are back attending church and serving the Lord through various ministries. A couple others are back in attendance but will need some time before they are able to participate in their previous ministries. We trust the Holy Spirit to lead both us and them to discern when that time is. Your prayers have been effectual so far and we invite you to continue praying for the Asau Baptist Church family.

### **Sewing School**

We are currently hosting a team of seven for three weeks who are providing all-day sewing instruction to the ladies of our church and some of our school parents. The team has brought ten manual sewing machines and an abundance of materials which will be left with the Ladies' Fellowship of our church so that they can continue after the visiting team finishes their instruction and leaves. The sewing school is funded in part by the Australian Aid program (the same one that helped us tile our classrooms and acquire student desks and chairs last year). The ladies of our church are hosting the team members in their homes and are working together to feed not only the team but the more-than-thirty members attending the program. It is good to see our ladies have something positive and purposeful to focus on after the challenges the church encountered over the previous two months. The sewing school will finish very fittingly on Mother's Day weekend.

### **Cyclone Amos**

We had an unwelcome visitor over the April 24th weekend. Praise God that there were no injuries nor loss of life and damages were minimal. The weather watchers were predicting more severity, but we were spared. Other than a twenty-two hour power outage, a whole bunch of downed trees, and a few roofing tins torn off of our kitchen, Cyclone Amos did not impact us very much at all. We all understand that it could have been much worse and are thanking God for His great care of us. Our Sunday morning service, which was only a couple hours after the storm passed, was especially prayerful and praise-filled. Many people who were up throughout the night hearing the howling winds and clanging of tin roofing sheets being blown around still made it to the services. Because we had no power, missionary Jenn Scarfi played the accordion rather than the piano to accompany the songs. It made for a very different sound, but it was somehow fitting as we all came with a different sense of worship than on other Sundays.

As we close, let me say that we never tire of expressing our gratitude for your prayers and support. Thank you very much!

Your grateful friends,

*Jim & Emi Civalo*

P.S. Check out our new website

[www.jimcivale.edifyhub.com](http://www.jimcivale.edifyhub.com)



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### UPCOMING FURLOUGH—MARCH TO DECEMBER 2017

Our next furlough will be from March to December of 2017. Emi and I hope to minister in as many new churches as possible and particularly love missions conferences. Please pray for open doors. If you can recommend any churches, please email us at [civalejim@yahoo.com](mailto:civalejim@yahoo.com). We will also want to update those supporting churches we did not get to see during our 2013 furlough (or in 2015 during our one-month visit). Supporting pastors, please let us know if you wish for us to report in during 2017. Thank you very much.