

JIM AND EMI CIVALE — YOUR MISSIONARIES TO SAMOA

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

PRAYER LETTER/MONTHLY UPDATE - DECEMBER 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

In this season of reflection and rejoicing, Emi and I have much to celebrate. We certainly celebrate the great gifts of Christmas day which marks for us when our Savior was born in Bethlehem about two thousand years ago; when I was born again in Samoa twenty-one years ago; and when our second granddaughter was born in New Jersey one year ago. Emi and I will also celebrate twenty-seven years of marriage on December 29th. Because we spent most of this year apart, we feel especially blessed to be together again for our anniversary.

One great cause of rejoicing is the fact that the Lord has brought in all of the needed funds for the Samoan Bible campaign last month (with an extra \$501.80 to serve as a buffer). Emi and I want to express our deepest and sincerest gratitude to each church and individual who contributed — from that boy who gave one dollar in Lewes, Delaware, to that church that gave \$10,000 in Cayce, South Carolina, and to everyone in between. Thank you, thank you, thank you an a million more times, thank you. What a joy it was when we closed the container and sent the Scriptures on their way to Samoa! Please pray for undelayed transportation over land and sea, unhindered clearance at the port, and uninflated costs in the customs offices.

When you receive our upcoming prayer letter in January, we will already be in Samoa, Lord willing. As much as we do not look forward to saying goodbye to our children and grandchildren when we board our flights later this month, Emi and I are very excited to begin our next term on the field. Until then, may God bless you all this Christmas season and may we all focus on the profound blessings of Bethlehem as God's perfect plan of redemption was advanced in such a sublime way.

Your grateful and joyful friends,
Jim & Emi Civale



Emi and her team of teachers (above) did a great job bringing the 2017 school year to a close last month! You can see the elementary students below and Emi's class in the picture below that.



Thank you to the awesome volunteers from
Beacon of Truth Baptist Ministries in Florence, SC,
Dry Run Independent Baptist Church in Duncansville, PA, and
Mountain Lake Independent Baptist Church in Oakton, MD.
Everyone labored together for the furtherance of the gospel as they loaded the
Samoan Scriptures onto the container last month.



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