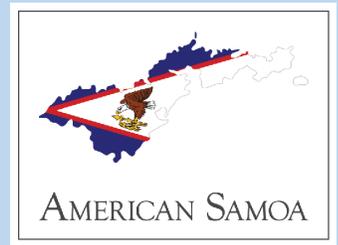


JIM & EMI CIVALE

MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

MARCH 17, 2020



Dear Friends,

As the corona virus pandemic dominates the manstream media with bad news, allow us to share some “good news from a far country.” We can sum it up in two words—Bibles and baptisms. In pictures 1 to 3, you can see the hardworking young men who unloaded the container. They had already unloaded a quarter of the cargo when they took a break for a photo op. The second picture is when we prayed in thanksgiving for **Beacon of Truth Baptist Ministries** and all who gave and labored to get the Samoan Bibles printed and shipped. We also prayed for the distributions which are now well underway. The third picture was taken at the Starkist tuna cannery where workers on their lunch break flocked over to get their own Bible in their own language. Their excitement was so contagious!

In pictures 4 to 7, you can see four baptisms, three at the church in American Samoa and another at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Samoa. Matthew (23 years old), Poasa (12), and Siasoi (57) all followed the Lord in believer’s baptism in March. Matthew had trusted Christ nearly a year earlier; Poasa and Siasoi were saved at church following the Sunday morning service a week before being baptized. Emi and I were also thrilled to witness the baptism of one of our students from the school ministry in Asau. Aniga was one of our top students who graduated last November. A few years earlier she was saved at the school in Asau, but it was not until she moved to the capital for high school that her family allowed her to be baptized and added to the Baptist church where our dear friend Peneueta Faafouina pastors.

We trust this news is refreshing “as cold waters to a thirsty soul,” even as the world panics because of the pandemic.

Your grateful friends, *Jim and Emi Civale*



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