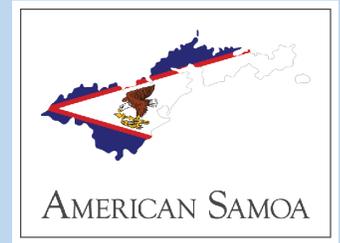


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NATIONAL CHURCH-PLANTERS IN THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

**MAY 7, 2022**



Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you all for your faithful friendship and prayers. April flew by and it's already a week into May as I finally find time to do our monthly update.

In both, Samoa and American Samoa, things have eased up slightly as far as the lockdowns I mentioned last month go. Churches in Samoa can now meet in groups of thirty or fewer; in American Samoa, groups of one hundred or fewer can congregate. Schools, however, remain closed until further notice. Pastor Ropati and Mrs. Gau continue to prepare weekly packets for the whole school and coordinate with the families, but the other teachers are unemployed until schools reopen.

Emi's paperwork has not advanced since we last wrote. Our lawyer said it is simply a matter of waiting for USCIS to advance her application to the next step. Three months ago, they told us the wait time is anywhere from six to thirteen months—ugh. Emi continues translation work and I continue serving at Faith Christian School. For us at the school, it's an especially busy time with all the year-end events — graduations, concerts, awards ceremonies, etc. Last week at our Spring Concert, we got to see my granddaughter Millie perform (see her smiling in the center of the picture). Last month, we got to see our granddaughter Ava (in the green dress) and our daughter Carol (bottom left in purple) in the Easter drama. Having missed so many moments like these over the years, Emi and I were blessed beyond measure. At the concert, I got to give the gospel at the end of the program. The next morning, one of the school parents came and thanked me profusely, telling me he had brought his unsaved sister and parents with him that the message led to a great conversation among them. Praise God for seeds planted!



Our travels were lighter last month with only one visit to a supporting church for their missions emphasis Sunday. We are very thankful to Pastor Barbieri and the Mountain View congregation for their many kindnesses to us and the other missionaries.

Please pray for...

- ✓ Pastors Ropati, Wairaki, Laau, and Malaki, as they faithfully preach and minister even with all the lockdown limitations.
- ✓ Our Samoan Bible Project as we await the opportunity to ship our latest container. We are experiencing delays due to the supply chain and lockdown issues.
- ✓ Emi's immigration paperwork to move forward.
- ✓ The ABC Academy teachers who are waiting for schools to reopen so they can return to work.
- ✓ For my daughter-in-law who is due next month as we eagerly await the arrival of our third granddaughter!

Your ever grateful friends,

*Jim & Emi Civale*



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