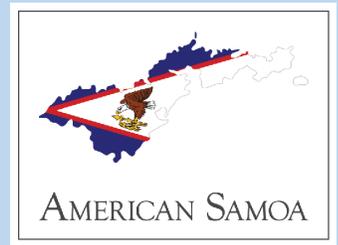


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MISSIONARIES TO THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

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

AUGUST 1, 2021 (ISSUED JULY 23)



Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from American Samoa! Lord willing, we will soon greet you from the US. We are scheduled to fly out on August 5th but with the ever-changing regulations, no flight is certain until it actually occurs. Please pray!

We left Samoa on June 24 and arrived in American Samoa on June 23 (flying over the international dateline allows us to go back in time like that). After our three-day quarantine, our dear friends, Sam and Lisa, picked us up and have been housing us since. Brother Sam is the head deacon at our first church plant and has been faithful to the Lord and to us ever since we started out in 1998 in our living room. As always, the fellowship is fantastic and their care for us without compare.

What a blessing to spend time with the first church plant and to see how well Pastor Laki and the family have settled into the new parsonage and their new roles. He has been preaching a great series through the book of Nehemiah. One evening service particularly blessed me as three men came forward to surrender for service (see picture below), one as a volunteer bookkeeper (Jeff, left), and two to enter the deacon candidate program (Ata, center, and Tisepi, left). The two deacon candidates are men I had the joy of leading the Lord and baptizing — Brother Tisepi sixteen years ago and Brother Ata last year (both pictured below).



Meanwhile, over in Asau, Pastor Ropati led a building project to build a church hall. Deacon Olosa'a, who is a licensed carpenter in the church there, oversaw the church members as they all pitched in. Amazingly, the project took only twenty-eight days from ground-breaking to blessing (see pictures to the right). During the weekdays, the work did not begin until after school to avoid disrupting instruction at ABC Academy.



We appreciate all who have reached out to us to invite us in for meetings and conferences during our furlough. Our schedule is filling fast but we will try to fit in everyone who invites us as we are indebted in love and gratitude to each and every one of you. If any would like to preview our furlough update video, please email me (civalejim@yahoo.com) and I will send you a link. We just finished it this week.



Thank you again and again and God bless you all.

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