



Jim & Emi Civale – Assistance & Relief Missionaries
Serving National Church Plants in the Samoan Islands
Testifying ...repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20:21
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Dear Praying Friends,

As summer closes and autumn arrives, let me share a few personal and ministry updates.

Emi's citizenship process: We are down to two more months before we can officially initiate the last step of Emi's citizenship process. Having observed all regulations and met all requirements, we will submit Emi's final application in December. Thank you all for praying each step of the way through this lengthy process. As I understand it, the process is now moving more quickly and efficiently than in the past as legal applicants are receiving greater attention than in the past. Pray that it is so.

Upcoming surgery: Please keep Emi in prayer as she prepares for surgery next week (9/25).

Emi has been experiencing ongoing pain that she thought was somehow related to her ongoing sciatica issues. It turns out that she has had several gall stones for some time now. Emi has always had a high threshold for pain and just pushes through without complaint. It saddened me to learn the kind of pain she has actually been pushing through. Your prayers are greatly appreciated for a successful surgery and complete healing.

Upcoming Samoa trips: Emi's doctor believes she will heal quickly and will be able to travel to Samoa at the end of next month. Let's pray to that end as we already have the tickets in hand and her help is needed there. Lord willing, she will spend six weeks in Samoa to help our school ministry.

That brings me to another prayer request. Our students lost five weeks of school due to the government closing all schools during part of July and all of August. The reason for the shutdown was that a severe strain of dengue fever broke out. Dengue fever is a mosquito-borne disease that causes a very high and often hemorrhagic fever, intense and prolonged headaches, aching bones and joints, and severe lethargy that can last for months afterward. In my years in Samoa, I had dengue fever twice, once that landed me in the hospital for several days. During this recent outbreak and shutdown, government health officials traveled to all school and other public gathering spaces to spray the compounds (see picture to the right in front of our school building). During those weeks, our teachers delivered packets of work to our students' homes to help keep them learning but it was no substitute for in class learning. Now that the students are back in school for the final quarter of their school year, please pray for them and the teachers to make up for lost time. Please also pray for Emi to be able to help specifically in those efforts.



Our summer 2025 Samoa trip went very well and the pastor, principal, and teachers in Asau are already using the newly installed technology for great learning and teaching purposes. I am eager to go next summer with a team of sixteen to complete that and several other important projects. We are already meeting and planning on our end here in NJ and I am in regular communication and consultation with Pastor Ropati for the work on that end.

Thank you again and again for your prayers and ongoing support for us and the works in Samoa.

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