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Psalms 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever..

June 30, 2023

Greetings,

Can you keep up with us, what an incredible month we have had! We are so very blessed in all that God has called us to do. Don't worry we are resting when we can. God gives us strength and grace in the journey for sure.

New experiences, new places and people. We flew to American Samoa for nine days. We had God interventions in everything, from our venue to share the gospel to our accommodation. We connected with friends and "family" from Upolu. Aiga is family in Samoan, and we are part of the family of God. We met with Pastor Terry and Pastor Tina and what can we say, it was if we had known them for long time even though we just met. We were hosted by a wonderful couple Dr Glen Jones and wife Peta. We had lunch with Lupe and Otto and what a wonderful time we had. We flew in a 12-passenger plane to and from Samoa to American Samoa and only a 45 min flight. Yes, we did go to the only American National Park south of the equator it is beautiful!

We continue ministry in schools with several events scheduled, Jesus Shoes and Balloons. We also continue to do our hospital visits to the pediatric ward here in Apia. This month June 15th our little buddy Eddie went home to be with Jesus. He had contracted a virus that attacked the brain. He was very special to us like a "Samoan" grandchild. This is the same Eddie that God healed a brain bleed miraculously 3 years ago. In our grief we rejoice and support the family during this time. This little guy loved Jim so much, when we visited, he would cry when we left. Jim had the honor of carrying him to his place of rest. We were blessed to love on this little 6-year-old loving boy.

We have been part of the Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child since last year. Due to covid last year it messed up schedules. We have had an opportunity to be trained and now we assisted in training with a team of volunteers. We spend two weeks in Savaii an island that is part of Samoa. We trained for 3 days with over 180 churches and volunteers trained. We did 3 days with minimum 150 each day. The next week we were part of the distribution, 12,000 plus boxes to Savaii. We will then be part of training and distribution back on Upolu for those churches that did not get to participate the first time around. We know many of our Church of God churches participate in packing boxes. These boxes are opportunities for the gospel! What a joy to be part of this initiative.

We continue to minister in local churches on the island. Thank you so much for your support. Below are pictures of various events and connections. We received a Christmas card last week! It takes 6 months for us to get mail. This is our 3rd piece of main in three years! So please email us if you like. We love having words of encouragement.



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Word of Life – Tafuna American Samoa Pastors Terry and Tina Otto and Lupe Fonopo



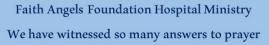


















Finding Joy in Sorry

We said goodbye to "Eddie" our little buddy.

His momma is praising in the storm. Papa Jim is holding JR, Eddie's big brother.

A day we will remember in grief and yet rejoicing.



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Prayer Request and Praises!

- 1. Pray more and more Harvest of Souls!
- 2. The Samoa Outreach and Learning Center (SOLC) has a project number. The Samoa Land Company does not have lands available yet but will keep application live. We hope to meet as a board soon. God has this!
- 3. Continue to pray for Great Harvest Church of God for another venue to rent. We are out growing the house the church is using.
- 4. Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child God Savaii completed, then back to Upolu
- 5. Pray for Lifespring Church from Bainbridge Indiana they are bringing a team in October.
- 6. Praise God our daughter and two grand daughters will arrive July 14th only a few weeks away !!!
- 7. Praise God! Mindy's registration for nursing has been approved!
- 8. Praise God for God connections and our time in American Samoa it was amazing!
- 9. Balloons arrived from USA, we sent them to American Samoa and picked them up there. We now will be purchasing more shoes! We have an outreach for July 28th with over 700 pair of shoes! God is so good! We will purchase the remainder of shoes in a few weeks.
- 10. Thank you to all that support us in this journey! Please pray for us!

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Online Giving Link for Special Project the Samoa Outreach and Learning Center Project #: 102-9642 https://www.cogwm.org/shop/1029642/

In Christ,

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