

THE FAAFOUINA FAMILY

SERVING OUR SAVIOR IN SAMOA



June 2020 Prayer Report—

Ministry Update

We are writing this update to you from New Zealand where we have been awaiting our departure to the United States on June 20. As we informed you in our last newsletter, Samoa's borders were closed at the end of March and all flights in and out of the country were stopped for some time. Once the repatriation flights to New Zealand began to be scheduled, we put our names on that list as we need to return to the U.S. by July 1. (This would be our only route to return to the U.S.) We were given just a few days notice to be ready to leave by May 1, and it was not without great stress as we packed up our household, gave final instructions to the men leading the church, and gathered the possessions we would take with us out of the country. Once we arrived to New Zealand we were put into mandatory government-managed isolation for 14 days. We have since reunited with family in Auckland where we have been taking care of medical issues until we could get a reasonably-priced ticket to the U.S.

As for the ordination service scheduled for early May, it has been postponed to a later date - mostly likely next year. With all the border closings and uncertainty about the virus, it's difficult to schedule anything at all! Bro. Malaki and Bro. Laau are happy to lead Lighthouse Baptist Church and we are confident in their ability to carry on the work for which the Lord has been preparing them. Our plan is to continue to assist them from afar with their preparation for becoming ordained pastors until we are able to return to Samoa for the ordination service and official installation as pastors at Lighthouse Baptist Church. We ask that you please pray for these men and their families as they stand up to take leadership of the church. ***Please pray for unity, wisdom, and their spiritual walk to be strengthened.***

Family/Health Update

I was doing some home renovation projects in late March when the ladder I was on top of collapsed underneath me. The most immediate problems were the laceration through my lower lip, a fractured jaw bone and my front teeth which were knocked out during the fall. I was able to have my cut stitched together and get some temporary partials made to cover up the missing teeth while still in Samoa. Additionally, I sustained an injury to my shoulder which we were not able to have diagnosed in Samoa. I had some testing done here in New Zealand where it was discovered that I have a fracture in my shoulder as well as a completely ruptured tendon in the rotator cuff area. The orthopedic surgeon we visited recommends surgery, but because of our time constraints, we won't be able to do it in New Zealand. Thankfully, we have been able to get an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon in the U.S. within a few days of our arrival. As you can imagine, I have been in quite a bit of pain and have limited use of that arm. ***Please be in prayer that I will be able to have surgery soon and that the recovery will go well.***

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