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Missionaries to Samoa & New Zealand



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Dear Praying Friend,

I write this letter with feelings of a sort of bittersweet joy as we have just returned to New Zealand after spending almost a month in Samoa. The joy comes from being able to ordain two men whom I have spent the better part of my ministry training to become ministers of the Gospel. The bittersweet comes from saying farewell to those we have come to love in the Lord at Lighthouse Baptist Church. In Vaitele Fou.



We were blessed by having Bro. Bruce Martin, fellow Metropolitan Baptist Church sponsored missionary, join us to be a part of the ordination council and to preach the charge for Malaki and Laau as they begin their ministries. We were also honored to have our long-time friend in the ministry, Dr. Jim Civalo, join us via Zoom to be able to participate in the interrogation portion of the ordination process. Additionally, the council included three local ordained pastors: Pastor Pili Fata, Pastor Samuelu Afamasaga, and Pastor Ropati Tumanuvao. Despite their nervousness and a slight language barrier, I feel the men did very well and were quite prepared for all the questions they were required to answer. The ordination service was well attended with many guests filling the building to capacity.

The following weeks were spent getting every last bit of fellowship and instruction time we could get in with these men and their families, as well as others in the church family. There were many tears shed as we said goodbye to people we have spent the better part of 17 years pouring our lives into and nurturing their growth in the Lord. Our final Sunday was a day of great rejoicing as seven people were baptized and added to the church and one young lady made a profession of faith in the Lord.

Thank you for all the prayers and support that have gone into seeing these men ordained and Lighthouse Baptist Church becoming a fully autonomous, independent Baptist Church. My wife and I are bubbling over with joy to see the fruit of our labor and are looking forward to what God will continue to do through us in New Zealand.

His Servant,


Peneueta Faafouina

