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# The Faafouina Family

## Missionaries to New Zealand



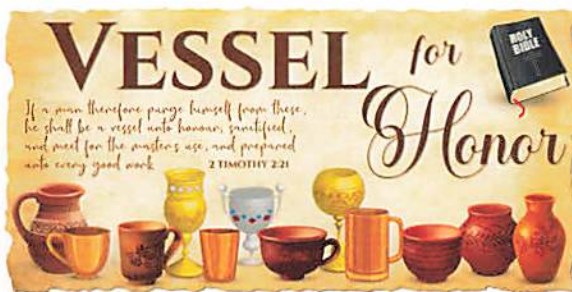
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Dear Praying Friend,

It is hard to believe we are already into the second month of the new year. It seems like we just finished Thanksgiving celebrations and everything else flew past. Some of our usual outreach and church ministries were on hold as a majority of the church family was away for part of December and January. We are finally back into full gear with outreach and all the other programs we have planned for 2024. The children have all gone back to school after their summer break, so we have been able to start fresh with a new Sunday School program for both the children and the adults.



We don't always have a yearly theme, but the Lord challenged me with II Timothy 2:21 in regard to being a vessel for honor. Lighthouse Baptist Church of Auckland has adopted this as their theme for 2024. I was encouraged and blessed as several people shared during a testimony time that they have been convicted to allow the Lord to clean and purify their hearts. They have accepted the challenge to present their lives as vessels for the Lord's use. Many of the messages and programs we have planned for this year are

geared toward the theme of the Lord refining and purifying our hearts to make us fit for His service. We are currently going through the Seven Laws Of the Learner during our adult Sunday School hour in order to learn how to better teach others about the truths from God's Word. My prayer is that the Lord will use this to make us all more confident to share our faith with others.

We mentioned in our last prayer letter that we are praying for the Lord's will concerning a ministry to the Tongan-speaking people. Pastor Tony is still here with a medical issue, but we aren't certain how much longer he and his wife will be in New Zealand. We have been blessed that there is another family from Tonga who have been faithfully attending church since their arrival in August of last year. Pouvalu, his wife, Mela, and their four children are here while he is on a study visa. Pouvalu is in a scholarship program studying for an accounting degree, but he has shared that he feels the Lord is calling him to devote more of his time toward studying the Bible. He was saved in Tonga and is a member of Pastor Tony's church there. He has surrendered to preach, and is still in training. Both of these men have a burden for the very large Tongan community in South Auckland. While the Tongan language has some similarity to Samoan, it is a completely different language that I do not speak. It could be a great opportunity to reach Tongans while these men are in New Zealand. Please just keep praying for God's direction about this ministry.

As always we are thankful for your prayers and continued support for the ministry God has for us to do in New Zealand. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness to sacrifice so that we can reach souls for Christ!

His Servant,

Peneueta Faafouina