

Dear friends,

The past 3 months have been a whirlwind of exciting ministry, new friendships, and adventure! We are thrilled about this season of ministry. Grateful that God is willing to use our whole family when we step out in faith.

He has been providing all the people and resources we need to maximize our impact in every ministry too. Which just blows our mind! It is humbling when you think of ALL God does for His children everyday and all the ways He protects us and showers His love on us.







Speaking of which. On the very morning that Osi was scheduled to fly to N.Z. with his missions team we had a terrible car accident. Perhaps that was the devils way of trying to slow us down.....but he should know better by now.

### "We know that in ALL THINGS God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose".– Romans 8:28

The accident was incredibly scary, but all 6 of us were perfectly fine. In fact, our 6 year old Allan said that his eyes were open the whole time and he saw an ANGEL in the car, a big golden Angel!! Then after the accident the angel disappeared! We know it has to be true because Allan is very honest, and God is AWESOME.





Our ministries have continued as usual, only we had to put some one hold while Osi went on a missions trip to New Zealand with the Tonga Wycliffe Missions. They had a great time reaching out to the people on the streets (the same way that we normally do with our 'Visiting Jesus' ministry in Tonga.) God gave them daily opportunities for sharing the gospel, praying with people who are sick and discouraged...and bringing them food and clothes.





In N.Z. Osi and the team enjoyed the hospitality of a wonderful Tongan/N.Z. church and inspired them to continue this kind of Mercy Ministry! Praise God they have begun a New Zealand branch of "Visit Jesus" and Osi has kept in touch with the pastor who says they have been meeting once a week to cook and pray as a church... then go out to the streets of Auckland to reach lost and hurting people!

## **VISIT JESUS IN TONGA**

Sadly, the prison has changed their visitors policy and doesn't allow us to come and visit the prisoners anymore and bring them food. This is discouraging for us, but please keep them in your prayers. We have continued our partnership with a pastor downtown who has a special early morning church service and meals every Sunday for the street people in Nuku 'alofa. Its amazing to see how many individuals and families come to hear the word of God and share a meal together.





We have committed to cooking the meal one Sunday a

month, and have been so blessed because our friends 'llaisa and Pila have been joining us in the cooking! We try to cook enough for 100 people so sometimes we start on Saturday night, cooking all night, laughing and enjoying ourselves.



Praise God for friends who

share the same heart to help these precious people!

We also want to thank our many friends in America who give so faithfully to our ministry every month. 87% of our monthly support comes from individuals who give sacrificially each month to bless our people. **We always remember your families in our prayers and praise God for you.** 

Hopefully you are blessed knowing that your giving is touching many people who come for a meal and end up receiving Hope, and fellowship with Gods people.

**Childrens Ministry** 

Jen still enjoys teaching Sunday School for the younger children at church.



But honestly, we have not been able to host our usual home Bible clubs, partly because we have been so busy, and our friend Theresa is gone for 3 months in Fiji. But we always enjoy having kids come over everyday to play and visit...

Jen's parents came to visit for 1 month in June and they brought Bicycles for the boys! So they are having fun riding around with all their neighborhood buddies. It sure was great having Grandpa and Grandma Gray around, they love their Grandbabies!!











## **Marriage Ministry**

We had our last 'Date Night' with several married friends in June before Osi left for N.Z. and that was very special because our guest speakers were Leo and 'Amelia Hoponoa who have been happily married for 35 years and were eager to share their wisdom with us!

Additionally they cooked an amazing dinner for our whole group so we didn't have to go out to the restaurant that we usually go to for our 'date nights'.

We are immensely blessed when a Tongan couple is willing to share with us about their marriage, because this is revolutionary here in Tonga. We are not exaggerating, its still very Taboo to talk about personal things like this, especially for the older generation.



The two of us have also

out to these deal couples: ).



Personally Osi and I have been watching repeatedly a fantastic marriage video series by Dr. Tony Evans called Kingdom Marriage. We have the group study guides too and Osi had this great idea that we should host an overnight getaway with our married friends at one of the local Tongan resorts. There we can watch the video series together; take breaks for meals; and personal time for the couples to enjoy being alone together....This is something we have never done alone together because of the cost. But hey! Lets Dream that we can do with 8 other couples too! If you are interested in helping us to sponsor this event, that would be fantastic. Just e-mail us back and we will let you know our more detailed plan.

# Men's and Women's Home Bible study

The Bible studies are still going strong, lots of great discussions... We love seeing people dive into Gods Word and discuss how we can apply these truths to our lives! With our women's Bible study we have added a craft time during the first half hour of our Bible study, which has really helped to draw in more ladies and their friends. Probably because we ladies are multi-taskers. We want to study the Bible, eat cake, and sew a pillow all at the same time!





We also moved both the men's and women's Bible study to the same night so that we can have more family time during the week. Osi's friend Eli graciously offered to host the Men's Bible study. The men have been studying the book of Genesis and play Tongan dominoes....



Also, some parents couldn't make it to Bible study because of childcare, but God gave us the great idea of setting up a tent in the backyard with a movie for our boys and also for others to feel free and bring their kids!

Anytime we face a 'problem' God has a perfect solution.



So that's about it friends!

Thank you so much for your continual prayers, encouragement and giving to our ministry. We appreciate you and would love to know how we can pray for YOU. Much love from our island to yours,

The Halalilo family.

P.s. we're curious, would you rather receive a shorter e-mail once a month or a longer one like this every 3 months?

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