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**Subject:** Re: Samoa Relief

Good Morning,

Thank you for your email and for sending out the call for assistance.

Today is the mass memorial/burial for the 100+ people who perished during the tsunami in Samoa. This will include our 8 relatives. We have been blessed with our church family's prayers and their willingness to help.

We are planning to have a shipment go out this Friday, but it has to be at the air cargo place by 5 p.m. on Thursday. We do need assistance from the church to help ship the items. We estimate it may cost anywhere from \$2,000 - \$3,000 as there are a lot of items from the other congregations. We're also seeking financial assistance from Pearl Harbor, Kailua and Waipahu to help with shipping. So any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

A great majority of the island is still without power. The canneries are shut down as well as other work places so those who weren't directly affected by the tsunami, are now struggling without any source of income. Last I read, it may take up to 8 weeks to restore power completely. If we get more donations coming in, we will plan for another shipment to go out in the coming weeks. Thank you for offering but there is no need to take inventory. Anything that was donated is greatly appreciated. We may pick up what ever we have this Wednesday night, after bible study, to pack and ship out Thursday (for Friday morning's flight).

Thank you again for being our point person for this. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Pisa & Soli Family