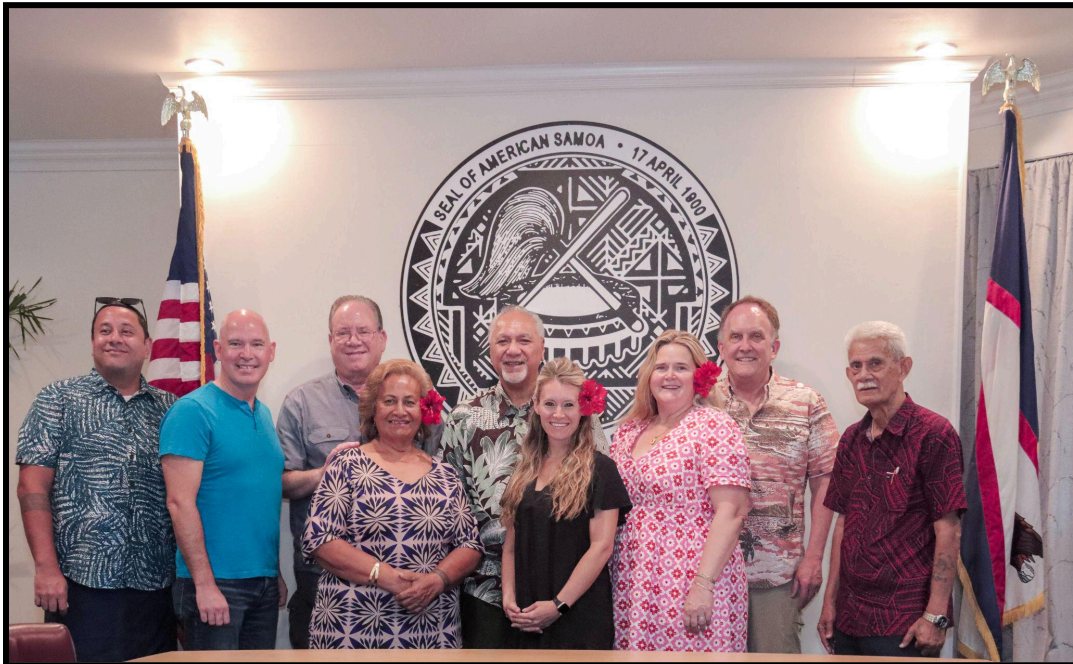


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## **Courtesy Visit by The American Samoa Project Sa'olotoga in Collaboration with the American Samoa Wheelchair Mission to Governor and Lieutenant Governor.**



The American Samoa: Project Sa'olotoga - Mobility in collaboration with the American Wheelchair Mission paid a courtesy visit to the Honorable Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula and Lieutenant Governor Pulumataala Ae Ae Jr. at the Governors office on Monday morning February 11, 2025. The purpose of the visit was for these non-profit organizations to provide further insight into their initiatives aimed at supporting the territory through healthcare services, including the provision of wheelchairs.

In his remarks to the delegation, Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula expressed his deep gratitude for the mission, stating, "The Lieutenant Governor Pulumataala Ae Ae Jr, the people of American Samoa, and I are truly honored and grateful to your organization for

your efforts in enhancing our healthcare system through the generous donation of these wheelchairs.” Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula emphasized that these efforts align with a broader spiritual movement taking place in this region of the world, “There is a spiritual movement happening here in American Samoa, that is why we are in office because I believe in the grassroots spiritual movement and the prayers that people offered because they needed change.” he said.

Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula continued by saying “Lieutenant Governor Pulumataala and I are not special people. We are the same as everyone else, we would feel the spirit of the movement to change for the better, and we are blessed to be where we are now, to be part of this movement and it feels like a revival for our people wanting to do good, do what is right.” Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula acknowledged the importance of the mission centering on God and His work through each individual and the impact of the work that the American Wheelchair Mission and the Sa’olotoga Project have on our community, “It is not so much about the wheelchairs but about you travelling over to our island home and all over the world reminds me of a scripture that says *-When you are in the service of your fellow man, you are in the service of our God.*”

Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula concluded by saying “What you do is an inspiration to us. From the bottom of our hearts, we are grateful for this wonderful opportunity for you to come visit and we extend our welcome.”

In a brief statement, Mr. Chris Lewis, President of the American Wheelchair Mission, expressed his gratitude to the Honorable Governor and Lieutenant Governor for taking the time to meet with their delegation. He emphasized that collaborating with Project Sa’olotoga is both a blessing and a divine calling, further inspiring their mission to serve people worldwide.

At the conclusion of the courtesy visit, the esteemed guests united in a special prayer for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, seeking continued blessings as they serve the people and for the healthcare services to reach every person in need.

The American Wheelchair Mission delegation includes President Chris Lewis, private donors Dan Danielson, Kristi Danielson, Joe and Lara Donaldson, as well as board members. Vaitinasa Dr. Salu Hunkin Finau leads the project Sa’olotoga-Mobility, which is in charge of logistics and distribution of wheelchairs across the island.

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