

PROJECT COMPASSION

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LEAIA'S STORY

SAMOA

PRIMARY (F TO 2)
PHOTO STORYBOOK

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Have you noticed that the weather is changing? Perhaps there are more hot days? Or less rain?



Samoa is a beautiful island country. This means it is surrounded by water.



But there is not enough clean drinking water in some areas. This makes it very hard for some families like Leaia's.



Leaia lives with her family on the island of Upolu in Samoa.



Leaia's family makes the most out of what they have. They built their home out of recycled scraps that they collected.



Their home is not connected to a piped water system so they rely on rainwater collected in old fridges.

Where do you get your water from?



The climate is changing. Leaia's family are seeing shorter rainy seasons and longer dry seasons. This left them without enough rainwater to use.



When they ran out of water, Leaia and her children walked to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.



It can be very hot in Samoa, and the children would have to take lots of breaks because the buckets were heavy.

Have you ever carried a bucket full of water?



Sometimes there was not enough clean water at the school so Leaia's children stayed home.



With the help of Caritas Australia's local partner Caritas Samoa, Leaia and her family got a really big water tank at their home.



This means that the family can now have easy access to clean water for drinking,



cooking,



and washing.



Now, instead of spending lots of time collecting water, Leaia and her children can spend more time on other important things, like going to school.



Next, Caritas Samoa is going to help Leaia and other families build new toilets which will help them stay healthy.



“I hope this program helps other families in need, like mine. Thank you, Caritas, for the water tank and the opportunity. It has helped us and made our daily life easier.”

Leaia





The money you donate to Project Compassion can help families in Samoa to have clean water and toilets!

QUESTIONS

1. Where does Leaia's family get water from?
2. How is climate change making it harder for Leaia's family to have enough clean water?
3. How does having easy access to clean water help Leaia's children go to school?
4. How did Caritas Australia help?
5. How will you share Leaia's story with others?