



# Cluny Sisters in the South Pacific Respond to the Measles Crisis in Samoa

Province of New Zealand/Philippines

*I want to be everywhere there is danger  
to do a little bit of good.*

Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey

Samoa declared a state of emergency on November 25, closing all its schools, banning children from public gatherings, and mandating that everybody get vaccinated. Teams of people have been travelling the country administering thousands of vaccines.

Sister Lusini Falemaka, a nurse from our community in Mangere, joined one of the 23 medical teams that New Zealand sent to respond to the crisis. On her team there were three nurses, three administrators, an aide, a driver and a policeman.



Briefings were held at the Apia Hospital. The parish hall of Vailele village served as a base in the morning. In the afternoons the team made house calls in Letogo and Laulii.

Sister Lusini wrote, "My team vaccinated 330 persons yesterday. We see more than 300 in a day. The police are present for the villages that have no matai (chief). . . . After the morning round of vaccinations, we were sent on house calls. Every home in the village was visited."

Join us in praying for the people of Samoa and those responding to the crisis!



Photos. Directly above: Sister Lusini giving an injection; upper right: Sister Lusini with the team; lower right: with inoculated children.



Photos: Sister Lusini