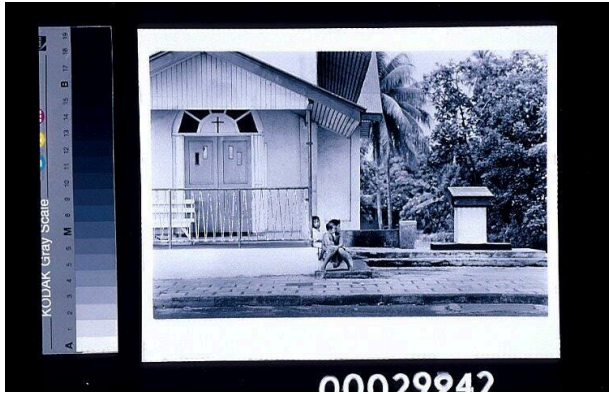


Basic Detail Report



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Title

Church in western Samoa

Date

1985

Primary Maker

David Iacono

Medium

Silver gelatin print

Dimensions

Overall: 204 x 253 mm, 0.02 kg

Name

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History

In 1830 John Williams, a member of the London Missionary Society, became the first European missionary to arrive in Samoa. He did note that Samoans were already aware of Christianity through their interaction with neighbouring islands. Conversion to the new religion was quick and widespread and in 1848 the first Samoan version of the New Testament of the Holy Bible was printed and distributed followed by the Old Testament in 1855. Religion still plays a prominent role in Samoan society and it is estimated that 98% of the population is Christian.