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Hello Everyone,

Furlough is off to a great start! We are staying very busy with very few open dates through December. We are hoping for a very successful furlough in raising friends, funds and future partners. While we are on the road here, the work in the Philippines presses on.



2012 Youth Camp was a great success. Several young people attended and received great spiritual blessings. Our camp always focuses on our church youth, rather than evangelistic. We had five people surrender to ministry: two preacher boys and three pastor wives.



Deaf Camp was in Cebu City this year with Dr. Armie Jesalva and the Bible Baptist Church. Our Deaf Pastor, Rogelio Villanueva was the main speaker. What a joyful delight this was for our Deaf team to participate and partner with this great ministry for His glory.

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Our **Summer Music Workshop** was blessed tremendously with over fifty kids and young people receiving training in various musical fields. Our Music Ministry Team offered lessons in voice, guitar, piano, violin, recorder and fundamentals of music.



Our new church plant - **New Beginnings Baptist Church in Gamboa, Ma-ao** was blessed with their own property. We thank the Lord for this great blessing and anxiously wait to see what God will do next for Bro. Joel Octiva.



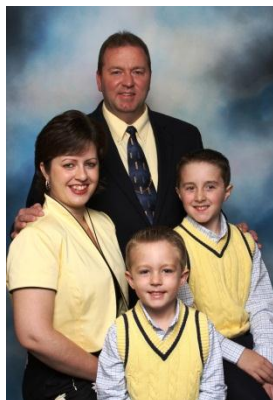
As I write this letter, **2012 Vacation Bible School** is taking place. Reports are coming in of great crowds, great Spirit, great kids and great fun, all because of a great and mighty God we serve.

Praise the Lord for a wonderful congregation of believers at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Bacolod City, who are continuing in the things they have been taught and teaching others also.

Thank you for all your faithful support and prayers. All these things are made possible through God's grace and your faithfulness. Please continue to pray for the projects (see attached). We desperately need these projects accomplished before returning to the Philippines. Please pray about investing more in what God is doing through this ministry.

Trusting in your prayers and His answers,

Bro. Chris Murray Family



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2012 PROJECTS

- 1. Security Wall:** We need to place a security wall around our property. Currently we are using a bamboo fencing that is constantly being broken through by neighborhood mischief. **Need: \$17,000**
- 2. Student Dormitory:** We currently have our female staff and students living off campus which poses constant security issues. As well as, the area in which they are located floods terribly when typhoons come through thus hindering their ability to get in and out. **Need: \$10,000**
- 3. Kitchen:** We currently cook over open fire using wood and charcoal in a native bamboo kitchen. We are constantly being called upon to host conferences but are unable to do so due to inadequate facilities to prepare the meals. **Need: \$10,000**
- 4. Campus Restroom:** We currently have one toilet for the entire church use. This is used by both male and female. The line gets long! **Need: \$8,000**
- 5. Family/Ministry 4x4 Vehicle:** We want to be able to go visit our church planters that are sent out of our church. We want to encourage these church planters as well as hold them accountable with the investment that many are making in their ministries. **Need: \$20,000**
- 6. Family Apartment:** Due to contract limitations on rentals, we have lived in eighteen different houses in seventeen years of missions. We have lost multiple thousands of dollars in rent and non-refundable deposits. We now have property of our own as a ministry. We would like to build an apartment for our family on the church property for a permanent place to live. **Need: \$30,000**