



# THE MURRAY FAMILY SERVING IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Happy New Year! We trust everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Our God is an awesome God and we are so excited to see what He will do next in 2012!

**New Beginnings Baptist Church in Sikatuna** was blessed with the opportunity to purchase the rights to property during December. They have already begun clearing the property and will begin constructing their building within days. It is such a blessing to see God's provisions for them. God provided for the land through **IBOM** and **NBBC Bacolod** with various equipments and other supports. As we observe what is happening there in Sikatuna, everyone is getting involved and having a part. We are most blessed by the young and old.



The lady at left is 65 years old and works like a horse. The men and boys bust the dirt and rocks loose and she and others pile it on these sacks and carry it to the dumping site. At right, even little Topie loads dirt and rocks in his toy truck and hauls it to the relocation area. Now you may think this is funny and it is but he does this most of the day. He can't carry the sack loads but he and his little truck does what he can.



Bro. Joel Octiva, whom we commissioned out of **NBBC Bacolod** in October has been working hard, conducting 15-20 Bible studies weekly. This past Sunday, we had our first services in our new church planting project, **NBBC Sandungao**. The Lord blessed Bro. Joel's efforts with 26 people in their first service. All of these are people whom he has led to the Lord since beginning there.

**Our furlough** is taking shape. We will be arriving in the US in March. We have many meetings scheduled already but have many openings as well. Please pray for our furlough as we have many projects to raise funds for including the help of our new churches, building projects here at **NBBC Bacolod**, as well as a house for my family here on the church property. We are anticipating a great year. We still have more preacher boys preparing to go start more churches and we still believe the best is yet to come. God bless you all as you continue to serve Him faithfully.

Your partners in the Philippines,

*Bro. Chris, Amy, Andrew & Caleb Murray*