



# *The Murray Family*

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### *Happy New Year!*

We closed out 2012 with a great highlight! I had the privilege of ***baptizing my mother and my youngest son Caleb*** at the Eastside Baptist Church, where I was saved and baptized twenty-two years ago. After all these years of missionary service on the other side of the world, this was a sweet victory.

As the New Year rolls in, we ***begin our eighteenth year as missionaries*** by the grace of God. We stand amazed at how the Lord has worked through our lives and ministry through the years. He has been faithful to save souls, supply needs, answer prayers, call and equip more laborers and encourage our hearts.

As we begin the New Year we are excited about all the new opportunities the Lord will offer us. This year will be a ***year-long celebration*** for New Beginnings Baptist Church in Bacolod as we celebrate our ***10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*** year. We have extra special youth camps, deaf camps, a Bible Conference and our Anniversary celebration in the planning already.



We are planning to ***return to the field in March***. We wanted to return this month but were unable to finish our projects as needed. We will work diligently on these remaining projects until our time of return. We have had a very difficult time raising these project funds during the election and the holidays. We are desperately hoping that the Lord will impress upon the hearts of His people to help us finish these needed projects ***before the end of February***. ***We still need \$8000 on the 4x4 vehicle and \$12,000 for the completion of the security wall.*** I realize this is still a lot of money to man but it is a small matter to our Lord. All He is looking for is people who will allow Him to prove Himself through them. Maybe you will volunteer to be one of them!

We want to ***thank you once again for your faithful partnership*** through another year and want to encourage you to continue throughout 2013. We are hoping to start some more churches with our graduates this year. Your faithfulness is just as important as ours. ***Together let us win more souls, train more converts and servants, and start more churches.*** I still believe the best is yet to come! Just any day now, our Lord is coming. May He find us in the field faithful when He comes. God bless you all!

Your friends and servants,

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