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We rejoice in the goodness of God as we have celebrated our 10th Church Anniversary at New Beginnings Baptist Church. Our Pastor, Dr. Gene Rowell and Pastor Bryan Treadway came and were a tremendous blessing. We had several saved during the anniversary service. On Monday night we held our Pastors/Wives Appreciation service honoring 39 pastors and their wives. On Tuesday we blessed our church planters by helping them with projects in their ministries. On Wednesday night we licensed 12 preachers into the Gospel ministry. What a blessed week!

I had the privilege of preaching the 1st Anniversary service at our mission church in Hacienda Gamboa with Pastor Joel Octava. The Lord blessed us with 42 people in attendance which doubled their starting attendance of 21 on their first service last year. We also had six people profess salvation. This is a difficult area and I am proud of the work Bro. Joel is doing.

We have just commissioned another church planter out of our church. Bro. Juliето Marquez graduated from our Bible College in 2011. He has been working with his brother at their church but has now been led to start a church himself. NBBC Bacolod will be his sending church. We have secured a 300 square meter lot for this new work. We need to raise the funds to relocate Juliето and his family to this property and build the needed facility. We can pay for the land and build a native church building with an attached apartment for the pastor for \$7,000. Please pray that we can get this raised quickly so the Marquez's can relocate and build that ministry.

Also please pray about our ongoing difficulties concerning our visas. The new Bureau of Immigration guidelines are making things rather difficult for most missionaries. In fact, I understand that six missionary families were forced to leave the field last month due to these complications. The latest I have been told from the office is it will cost us around \$7500 per year to stay in the country. Too, they are getting very strict concerning the authenticity of all documents. They are even rejecting documents that have been authenticated by their own embassy in Washington. Please pray about this situation. This is putting a lot of missionaries in jeopardy, for it seems the government is making it harder and harder to stay. God is bigger than any government and He is able to work all these things out. Just pray that we will be wise as serpents and gentle as a dove, filled with His precious Spirit to react in a way that will honor Him. It is His work and we are His servants, may His will be done in all things.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and partnership that makes all this possible. We know that every good and perfect gift is from our Father above but we also recognize that He works through His churches and His people who are willing to allow Him to do so. Thank you so much for faithfully submitting yourselves to be that channel for us. May the Lord bless you all as you continue serving Him and sacrificing faithfully for us.

Your friends, *The Murray's* *** **As I write, a category 5 typhoon is heading toward us. Please pray!**