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Beloved Partners,

What a blessing it is to serve the Most High God and represent you all here in the Philippines. The last few months of “summer break” have been unbelievably busy.

New Beginnings Baptist Bible College graduated five more servants of the Lord to close out the month of March. We praise the Lord for these precious servants faithfulness to finish their course. We pray now as they prepare to start churches and assist others in church planting.

Throughout April and May we held a seven different Vacation Bible Schools in all our churches. A little over eight hundred children attended these VBS sessions with close to two hundred making professions of faith. Then too, we held our annual Youth Camp in which we hosted eleven different church youth groups. The Lord blessed the camp with a good spirit and bonded our churches together in one accord. We are so thankful for His binding love and grace.

We closed out the summer by conducting a summer music workshop of our own and helping a partner church with theirs. Over one hundred young people attended and took lessons in music theory, voice, piano, violin, guitar, trumpet and recorder. Our School of Music is progressing well and reaching out to assist many other local churches with their music ministry.

As summer was ending and the new school year upon the horizon, we were called upon to participate in what is called “Brigada Esqwela”(school brigade). This is when people throughout the community assists the school in preparing the buildings and grounds for the school year. We helped out and as a result have been asked to teach Biblical values in fifty eight different classes this school year!

Somehow, the summer break got away from us and now it is back to school time. We are preparing to start classes in the Bible College and looking forward to a good enrollment of new students. Please pray for us as get started on a new year and a new group of young servants.

Lastly, we ask you to join us in prayer as we are set to turn New Beginnings Baptist Church and Bible College over to Filipino leadership. I am sure you understand when I say this is something we have mixed emotions about. No one ever really wants to walk away from something they have poured their life into but that is what a missionary is supposed to do. The Lord has set things in order and we will comply with His directions. We will continue to help this church, all our mission churches and work with our graduates in establishing more churches. Please pray for us and these ministries during this time of transition.

By God's grace and for His glory,

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