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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your continual prayers and partnership with us in the ministry. God has been good. These last few months have been rather hectic as we prepared for our return to the States as well as staying busy with the ongoing ministry in the Philippines.

Throughout the last few months we were able to visit each of our mission churches as well as being actively involved in the ministry of NBBC Bacolod. Apart from all the special Christmas celebrations, each church had other special days too. Pastor Jessie and Mrs. Rhoda had their annual Thanksgiving Sunday and Pastor Brent Cochran and I were the guest speakers for this great day. They had over one hundred in attendance and several people made recommitments to the Lord and their church.

Pastor Juliето and NBBC Binubuhan celebrated their 1st Anniversary and Thanksgiving together. Pastor Richard Gargoles was given the opportunity to preach this special service. It was a sweet service as people testified of His saving grace in their lives as a result of this new work. They too had a great attendance and few folks saved.

Pastor Rey Awit and the NBBC Sikatuna family celebrated Friend Day and had a tremendous response from the community. This church is high up in the mountains and these are some precious people. We enjoy visiting them always.

Pastor Joel Octiva is struggling in the work there at NBBC Gamboa. He is laboring among the sugar cane workers and they are often hindered by the schedules imposed by their bosses. However, Joel is working faithfully and we know that in His time, He will raise up a more fruitful work there.

The Bible College is going well. We have placed all Filipino teachers in the school and the students are being trained well. We are thankful for the partnership of some local pastors to help in this work. We have seven prospective church planters that should be ready within the next two years.

We just arrived in the States for our furlough. We were met with a very cold crisp air but many warm hugs from family and friends. We look forward to seeing how the Lord leads as we have two primary projects to raise funds for. NBBC Tapi and Pastor Willy Edoloverio is in need of a more secure building. We need approximately \$5000 for this new church plant. Secondly, the Ronilo Ampatin family will be going to start a new church in Tacloban City on the island of Leyte. We will share more about their needs after we get NBBC Tapi taken care of.

Pray for us as we take some time off with our families and prepare for furlough travels. If you would like for us to come by while we are here you may email me at the above address or call me at 803-603-6088.

God bless you all,

Bro. Chris, Amy, Andrew & Caleb Murray