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Dear Fellow Co-laborers,

It is hard to believe that 2016 is in its final month! We want to thank each of you for partnering and investing in this ministry to produce a very fruitful year.

The Lord has allowed us to start five more churches in Myanmar this year and one more in Thailand. Six churches for the year are certainly worth praising the Lord for. Each of the churches are off to a good start, sharing monthly progress of seeing people saved, some being baptized and more attending the Bible Studies. We thank the Lord for His blessings upon these works and also thank you for praying and partnering with us.

We ask you to **pray more specifically** for some of the situations we are facing. Following the death of **Thailand's** King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the country's government has declared one **year of mourning**. Residents have been asked to wear black and avoid engaging in "festivities" for 30 days. The festive starting of a church was not advised until after the first of the year. Then also In **Myanmar (Burma)**, what is considered one of the world's longest **ongoing civil wars** has intensified once again. The conflict between the Karen Christians, Muslims and the Burmese Army has brought **heightened alert and scrutiny** to Christians nationwide.

I must bring to your attention our **upcoming trip** to Thailand, Myanmar and the Philippines. I will be participating with the sending churches to commission all of these recent church planters as well as conducting church dedication services. We will be **commissioning six church planters** in Myanmar and **dedicating their churches** as well as **dedicating three churches** in Thailand. These are all fruits of your investments and much hard work. These trips have afforded us the privilege to connect and start these churches. I will be departing January 23 and returning February 28. **We need your help** with the financing of this trip. We will need airfare, car rentals, hotels, meals and church planter blessings. **We need \$6500** to cover all these expenses. We must have the funds up front this time as we came up short on the budget last trip. I need all this in by December 31 in order to prepay for many of these needs. Please help us by making your checks payable to IBOM and Memo – **Murray Trip Expenses**.

In closing, ***we want to wish each of you a very Merry and Meaningful Christmas!***

Your friend and servant,

Bro. Chris, Amy, Andrew & Caleb Murray

Prayerfully consider having a Plant A Church Sunday in 2017!