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Dear Praying Friends,

I greet you in Jesus name with exceeding joy for the great things He hath done. I want to thank all of you who have prayed and given to make my Asian missionary journey possible. It would take several newsletters to share all that God did throughout this trip.

By the grace of God and your gracious help, I was able to minister in twenty-four churches in thirty-five days. While visiting these churches, I not only had the privilege of teaching and preaching the Word of God, seeing folks saved and church families encouraged but was also able to help in various other ways. Each church was assisted with extra support for rental payments, Bibles, Sunday school materials, chairs, musical instruments, songbooks, motorcycles for pastors to travel from village to village ministry, and additional helps for various building projects.

In Thailand, we were blessed to have the opening services for our 30th ministry. Pastor Goong has started his sixth village community church. The Lord is blessing his efforts tremendously. There were approximately 80 people for this first service. There are no other churches in this area, so the people were very excited to have someone come and teach the Bible.



We conducted a meeting in Chiang Mai where the preaching was interpreted into four languages during the service. Chiang Mai is a multi-tribal area. They do not normally come together but some did on this night and we had some saved from each ethnic group.

The ministries of Myanmar are all progressing well. Some of these churches are at the doorway of Buddhist temples and monasteries while others are surrounded by immigrant Muslims. Even though Myanmar has recently opened to the Gospel it is no easy field. The Burmese people have been indoctrinated Buddhists all their lives so convincing them of Bible truth takes time and the working of the Holy Spirit. All of our men are working diligently to reach these people with the Truth.

While conducting a Bible study in one of our churches with converted Muslims, others Muslim stood outside looking in and listening. This was both exciting and frightening. I was excited that they were hearing the Truth but a bit nervous not knowing their intentions. As I was teaching in another service, I was literally looking in the door of the Buddhist temple and monastery and hearing their Buddhist chants. The doors of opportunity swing upon the hinges of opposition!

One of the most amazing experiences was witnessed while visiting our church planter Ronilo Ampatin in **Samar, Philippines**. On Saturday we held a baptismal service under the San Juanico Bridge, between the islands of Samar and Leyte, baptizing four new converts. The Sunday service was wonderful. Upon arrival, people were seated outside the completely filled building. The front porch was full, as well as people standing up the side of the building looking in the windows. I had to tiptoe through people to get to the front in order to preach the Word. There was a group of 35 children in the back yard for a service especially for them. God is blessing that ministry in a great way.



We need to help them purchase a bigger place for ministry. They have been renting for a house for church services the last two years. They are ready for a bigger and permanent place. We can purchase a place and renovate the existing building for approximately \$18,000. This is just up the road from where they are meeting now. We need to move quickly as there are not many opportunities to buy in this area. **This is an URGENT NEED.** Nilo and Grace are working hard and God is blessing their efforts and I believe it would be His will to have this property. Please pray with us about this need and act quickly if the Lord leads you to help us purchase this property before it gets away,



I could write several pages and brag on Him but space will not allow in this letter. However, I will be sure to share more over the course of the next few letters. Thank you all once again for your prayers and financial giving that made this missionary journey possible as well as being able to be a blessing to all the churches. May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him faithfully!

Your friend and servant,

Bro. Chris, Amy, Andrew & Caleb Murray

Prayerfully consider having a Plant A Church Sunday in 2017!

Call me for details how!