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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

Thank you for praying for my mother. Her first surgery went much better than expected and they are anticipating the follow-up surgery to be scheduled soon. She is recovering well and looking forward to the final surgery hopefully before Thanksgiving.

While most things are going well overall on the mission field, there are some things I want to bring to your attention for the sake of prayer. 1 Corinthians 16:9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

From our ministry in China and North Korea, word has come to us that our national pastor there is under investigation from the Communist government. Of course, if he is caught with an unregistered church and smuggling the Gospel into North Korea, it could be devastating to the ministry and physically dangerous for our Pastor there. Please be much in prayer for this situation

In 2008, the constitution of Myanmar was amended to allow religious freedom. As a result, Baptist as well as other religious groups have made some progress in converting the Buddhist people. The Buddhist are not happy about this and have recently passed a Religious Conversion Bill, requiring anyone to get the approval of the government to change religions. Anyone deemed to be converting "with the intent of insulting or destroying religion" could face up to two years in prison. Those found to have pressured others to convert could be imprisoned for one year. We know that God is in control, but He wants us to pray for laborers and that they be successful.

In the Philippines, the devil has created some division and confusion among some of God's people which has the tendency to hinder the progress of God's work. The devil knows that he is no match for a unified people. Therefore, he sows discord, division and deceives people anyway he can. As my Pastor Gene Rowell told me as we were heading to the field one year, "The doors of opportunity swing on the hinges of opposition." Greater is He that is within us than he that is within this world. We have read the back of The Book and we win!

As we praise the Lord for the doors which are still open in these former satanic strongholds, let us pray for God's eternal purpose to be accomplished despite the many adversaries that oppose us!

Please be much in prayer for the Burmese Pastors Conference in December and help us if you can.

By His grace and for His glory, *The Chris Murray Family*

Jude 22 - And of some have compassion making a difference