



## The Murray Family

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another year. As we approach Christmas and the New Year, Amy, the boys and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years! We also want to thank you for another year of faithful partnership, prayers and support. This has been a great year of blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ!

While we have experienced some stressful developments and opposition in **Myanmar** the Lord has blessed and allowed us to start five churches and one orphanage this year. Each of the churches are growing little by little. These Burmese pastors are working under great scrutiny of the Buddhist led government. We are so thankful for what has been accomplished by the grace of God and the faithful service of these men. Their annual Christmas outreach programs are already underway, and each have reported over two hundred people attending each of their outreaches.

Pastor Gohkram is laboring faithfully in **Thailand**. He and his wife are precious servants of the Lord and great soulwinners. They recently had two people saved who followed in baptism which is a major step for a converted Buddhist. This signifies their true conversion and commitment to their new life in Christ.

Our church in **China** is still persevering under intense scrutiny. This church consists of many Chinese students and North Korean refugees. Through this ministry, the Gospel has been smuggled into **North Korea** to over 10,000 families. The mother of our smuggler was transporting Gospel materials in North Korea and was arrested and imprisoned in North Korea. Please pray for this situation. She is an elderly lady and a cold winter in a North Korean prison could be fatal for her.

Finally, the ministries in the **Philippines** continue to flourish. We were able to commission three new church planters this year. One of them has already started and doing well in a community that has no other Baptist ministry. The other two are still preparing to start. All the other churches are actively reaching souls, making disciples and building their ministries.

Please pray as we enter 2019. We are still pursuing our goal of starting 50 ministries before 2020. We are currently on number 42. You can help reach this goal by sponsoring a new church. **\$6000 will start and support a national ministry and pastor for three years in Southeast Asia.** Prayerfully consider what you could do to help fulfill this vision. *May the Lord bless you all with a Merry and Meaningful Christmas!*

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

*Jude 22 - And of some have compassion making a difference*