

# The Murray Family

*Serving in the Philippines*



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Hello Everyone,

We praise the Lord for being back in the Philippines! We were so glad to be able to come back home to be with our people here and the work God has called us to. We enjoyed our hectic schedule in the States. We praise the Lord for all the accomplishments of our furlough. The Lord blessed our efforts with people saved, some support raised and a start on our land fund.

God is always teaching us something. We set goals for our furlough and were a bit disappointed when we did not meet those goals. However, as we set goals, God supplies needs in His time. Therefore, we are not one bit discouraged! The Lord blessed with some needed increase in support. Please pray that all those who committed to support us come through and continue with their faithful support.

We praise the Lord for His provisions thus far on our land project. We now have \$16,000 on hand. Our home church has committed \$75,000 in matching funds. This brings us to a need of \$59,000. Pastors, please pray about this need. Our contracts will be expiring and chances of renewal seem very slim.

Since our return the owners have limited our access around our buildings. They have rented to partying groups which led to beer and liquor bottles being thrown all over our area, near nudity being paraded right by our church windows and the blasting sounds, of rock music drowning out what we were trying to do. It is vitally important that we raise this money to purchase this land soon. Again, we appeal to you, our supporting partners and friends to help us, designate your gift to the "Philippine Land Project" and send it to our home church: Gantt Street Baptist Church, 2121 Cayce, SC 29033.

We have been busy since our return. December was filled with Christmas celebrations. I had the opportunity of preaching a World Missions Conference for a sister church in Handumanan. Over 50 pastors were in attendance as I endeavored to encourage them to Launch Out into the Deep: People are Quitting, People Need to be Taught, and People Need to be Reached. We had a wonderful conference to end 2007!

Now, 2008 is under way. Classes will resume next week with Dr. Winfred Baker. We will be hosting the International World-wide Evangelism: Soulwinning and Leadership Conference the first week of February with Dr. Mike Wells and his Evangelistic Team from the States. Please pray for these wonderful opportunities.

Your friends and servants,

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Chris, Amy, Andrew & Caleb

*Jude 22 – And of some have compassion making a difference.*