

# The Murray Family

## *Serving in the Philippines*

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Hello Praying Friends,

Thank you once again for all your faithful prayers and support for us. This work would not be possible without your faithful intercessions. God is really working in New Beginnings Baptist Ministries.

**Please continue to pray for Sis. Amy and Caleb.** Amy is still having difficulties fighting off infections. Caleb had a head on collision with a door and ended up in the hospital. We thought he was fine but the following day he began vomiting and hurting. The doctors wanted him admitted and after x-rays, a CT scan, blood work and all that goes with it, they treated him and he is okay now.

**The land has been purchased!** We were still very short of the needed amount and the owners were talking about increasing the selling price. The price we had been given was over a year and a half ago and the property had been re-evaluated at nearly \$30,000 more. I told them that we were struggling to get the previous amount and that it would not seem feasible to pursue a higher amount. They gave us two months to finalize the purchase before increasing the price.

I have pleaded for over one year for these funds: it was the primary purpose of our furlough, we have included it in every prayer letter, I emailed and called pastors personally, and did everything I knew to do, not to mention the countless seasons of prayer. We were still short of funds. Therefore, I appealed to our home church, Gantt Street Baptist and they decided to give us an advance on their “matching” commitment. We could never thank Gantt Street Baptist Church enough for their sacrificial giving and efforts in helping us with this project with \$75,000.00. We were finally able to purchase the land.

We would also like to thank others who had a part in this effort. We especially want to thank the individuals and families that sacrificed to make this possible. I have been amazed at the individual families who had the faith to step out and give. Outside Gantt Street and a few other churches, most of the money came from individuals. Great will be their reward! Your participation brought us to the point where Gantt Street Baptist was able to finish it off.

Then on top of the land purchase price was the capital gains tax, transfer tax and clearance fees of nearly \$10,000. This amount was donated by a Christian business in Knoxville, Tennessee. This family had already donated over \$5,000 to the land project and then this. Again, great is their reward.

If anyone would still like to have a part you may help us get started with our buildings. We will not be raising the full amount of building. We want the Filipinos to do that. However, I would like to help them get started. If you would like to help with the church or dormitories you may **make your check payable to Gantt Street Baptist Church, memo for the Philippine Project and mail it to the church address above.** I am sure the Lord will bless you as you do.

Your friends and servants in the Philippines,

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