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Our Lord is intimately and lovingly involved with us. He *His own self* bore our sins in *His own body* (I Peter 2:24). He *Himself* is our Peace (Eph.2:13-14). We are raised up *together* and made to sit *together* with Him (Eph.2:5-6). He loved us and washed us in *His own Blood* (Rev.1:5). Thus He gave *Himself* for us. (Titus 2:14)

We are in His Salvation (I Peter 2:24); in His sprinkling Blood (I Peter 1:2); in His love (I Peter 1:8); in His steps (I Peter 2:21; I John 4:10); in His humility (I Peter 5:5-6); in His suffering (I Peter 1:4); in His keeping (I Peter 4:5); in His concern (I Peter 5:7) and in His likeness (I John 3:1-2). Christ the sum total of all (Gal.4:19). O, what a Savior! How can we help but love Him and serve Him.

We are again late in sending our Newsletter. We seek your pardon for the same.

Tirupattur Baptist Church

In the month of February, Tirupattur Baptist Church had the privilege to baptize one college student from Manipur and one student from Grace Baptist School (a northeast young boy), Komathi (a Hindu single mother with two children); 2 young men and 4 ladies all Hindus from Kuramberi. Now we have a nucleus for a church in Kuramberi (foot hills of Jawadi Hills). The foundation is over for the Kuramberi Church building and we are ready to raise the building. Pastor Charles Edwein is in-charge. God keeps providing.

Resignation.

I resigned from Olivet-Grace Baptist Church in Bangalore as Pastor and the church elected my son-in-law and daughter namely Adrian and Emma as Pastor. I am now the consultant pastor, but mainly a missionary to Jawadhi Hills.

New Vehicle:

After much delay, at last we received our new Vehicle. It is a 4-wheel drive, power steering, big jeep, with air-condition. We are well pleased. In the month of May we made several trips to Jawadi Hills and the new vehicle showed its abilities very well. We are very thankful to all who contributed toward the new vehicle. Every time my wife and I travel in it we thank God. It is a great blessing to breath cool-clean air in our car, with power-steering. The doctor has no objection for me to continue driving.

Bible College in Bangalore:

For Academic reasons and because of my absence from India, being on deputation in U.S.A., we postponed our graduation for next year 2003. We have decided to have part of our Bible College & Seminary in Bangalore. This will enable some church members of Olivet-Grace Baptist Church to take studies, and our staff coming from Bangalore to Tirupattur will be much relieved of the weekly travels.

Grace Baptist School:

Grace Baptist School for Hearing and Hearing Impaired will open after summer vacation on the 10th of June 2002. Most of our students do accept Christ as their Savior, but it is causing them a lot of trouble at home, as their parents are Hindus. Baptism especially becomes a big problem. Many of them wanted to be baptized but parents objected. They are also forced to get married to unsaved partners. This is a great heartache and concern for us. But, the Lord knows.

Vacation Bible School:

In the month of April and May we conducted V.B.S in several places. It started with Olivet-Grace Baptist Church in Bangalore. We had both in Kannada and English. The Kannada children averaged about 30 and the English-speaking children averaged about 70. Several decisions were made by the children. On the whole, the Sunday school kids were strengthened. In Whitefield

Baptist Church the V.B.S averaged about 30 children with good, lasting results. Leah and Richard are pastoring in Whitefield and continue to work faithfully. At Tirupattur we conducted V.B.S in the morning at Tirupattur Baptist Church and the same day in the evening in Kuramberi. It was very tiresome but God blessed. This was conducted in English and Tamil language. In Tirupattur there was an average of 90 children and in Kuramberi about 75 children. The young people at Olivet-Grace Baptist Church came to Tirupattur to help and participate in the V.B.S.

Camp:

Soon after V.B.S we made plans for a youth and family camp. All the three churches i.e., White Field Baptist Church; Tirupattur Baptist Church; and Olivet-Grace Baptist Church took part. Guess what place we chose for the Camp? Jawadi Hills! As we climbed up the hills in 3 vehicles, loaded with camp things, I almost thought that I had made a mistake. The roads were anything but roads. Deep ditches and pointed rocks were everywhere. It almost looked impossible to climb. But we did it. It was risky and dangerous. It was of faith. Up in the hill, there were no shops, no pops and sodas, no television and no proper bathrooms. Tribals and jungle. We rented a small government guest house with just two bed rooms. 13 families, 12 young people and a lot of small children attended the Camp. Most of them slept on the veranda outside. It was cool and very breezy. Most of them were covered up in blankets, and was cold by morning. The first night, there were hardly lights and water scarcity. Taps were dry. Water had to be hauled by buckets and vessels. Little children were tired and mothers were anxious. Did I make a mistake in having the Camp in my beloved Jawadhi Hills? No. I wanted them to know where their pastor was working. I wanted them to know the hardship and blessing. The entire camp responded positively. By next morning camp was in order. We hired 4 tribal men to hauled water, brought more bulbs and had more lights. With the lights, came more bugs but no mosquitoes. What a blessing! The food was cooked outside on firewood and stones, but very tasty.

We had separate sessions of Bible Study for families and youth. For youth we discussed the subjects of "Forgiveness" and "Worry". They were deeply touched. For families we took portions from Jeff Hedges' book on "Effective Parenting." You should have heard their testimonies on the last day. Then we took them out on village preaching. This is the village where

Dr. Rod Bell visited when he came to India a few years ago. The people responded, but the great effect was 5 campers responded to God's call for ministry.

Family Camp:

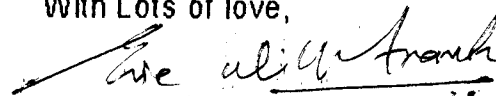
Last week I took my own family i.e., Leena and family; Richard, Leah & family; Charles, Abigail & family; Adrian, Emma & family to a hill station in Maharashtra. We had a wonderful time together, and were spoken to by God and we are now prepared for another year of School, College and evangelism.

PRAYER REQUEST:

1. A Copy Machine- \$ 2,750/- (a one time gift appreciated)
2. Piano for Church, Old one is not in condition. \$ 2,000/- (a one time gift appreciated).
3. Tamil workers.
4. Our sons Lemuel Franks doing his doctorate in Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Sem. And Stephen Franks studying in Bob Jones to complete his Pre-Med. Needs financial help for their education. If the Lord burdens you for either of them, kindly send the amounts to our Mission Board address in their names. We will be very thankful, as they need help.

I am feeling much better after the Chelation treatment. Please continue to pray for us and our work. Thank you for your faithful prayer and support.

With Lots of love,



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