



Prayer Letter 2003

THE FRANKS FAMILY (INDIA)

September 2003

"Behold God is my Salvation. I will trust and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song: He also is become my Salvation." (Isa.11: 2) A few days ago in my daily reading, I lighted upon this verse. The word "TRUST" stared at me. I have been underlining the word "TRUST" in my Bible and have been absolutely amazed at its enormity and simplicity. Do I really abandon myself into the hands of the One who washed me in His own blood, without the least doubt and care in every minute details of my life?! Have I resigned myself from my own wisdom (common sense) or do I still meddle with His will making a mess of my life. How restful to "TRUST" my Lord like a little babe! (Matt.11: 28). What a, Precious, Loving, and Trustworthy Saviour we have, in Jesus to trust.

Calvary Baptist Bible College & Seminary:

This year we have 27 students including 6 ladies. Out of this, 3 will be completing Bachelor of Theology in November, and hence we have a graduation coming up at the end of this year. In April 2004 we will be having 4 graduating with Bachelor of Divinity and 4 graduating with Master of Divinity. I am busy teaching from 7:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and again from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. This semester I have a heavy load with Theology, Greek language, Hebrew language, Psychology, Critical study of the Book of Acts, Textual Criticism and Prolegomena. I need your prayer, so do also the other staff members.

Olivet-Grace Baptist Church:

Pastor Adrian and his wife Emma (my daughter) are carrying on the pastoral work in Bangalore. These two are also taking Master of Divinity Course, hoping for graduation in April - 2004. Pastor Adrian also comes from Bangalore to Tirupattur every week for 2 days to teach in the Bible College.

In the month of July 2003, 4 were baptized. Out of this, one was a Hindu man by the name Ravi Kumar. He was from a priestly family. In spite of the opposition from his family, this young man took a bold stand for the Lord Jesus and is a member of the church.

In the 1st week of August 2003, one of the young men related to one of our church members passed away. He was addicted to Alcohol and died of liver cirrhosis. It was very heart breaking for his family and us, as we were not sure of his salvation. It was a difficult funeral but we preached out our hearts to his relations and friends at the graveside. We believe many were spoken to by the Lord.

Tirupattur Baptist Church

This church is continuing under the leadership of Pastor Charles and Abigail (my daughter), and is taking pains to reach out to Kurumberi and Jawadhi Hills. A God fearing and spiritual body of believers are assembling at Kurumberi. One of our dear church members at Kurumberi passed on into glory a month ago. This lady (Kaliamma) was a Hindu and was saved about 15 years ago. I had doubts about her salvation when I baptized her, but she turned out to be one of the best, loving believers at Kurumberi. I have never heard her complain, even when she was very sick and in financial difficulties. We miss her. This was the first Christian funeral at Kurumberi. Again we preached out our hearts at this funeral and we believe God's word did find targets.

White Field Baptist Church

Under the direction of Pastor Richard and Leah (my daughter) the ministry is continuing at White Field (Bangalore). The church held a special church dinner on the 16th August 03 which was an encouragement to many. They held also special gospel meetings with considerable good results. This church needs much prayer at this time. One of the encouraging factors has been the returning back of one of the offended members to the church, namely Kannan. He is from a Hindu family and is physically disabled in both of his legs with polio, but he is very intelligent. About 6 years ago he had joined our Bible College, but was discouraged, and so went back. We kept praying for him. He went back into the world and occasionally visited the church. Then, the Lord brought him back. He and his wife regularly come to church and now he is willing to take the

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responsibility of translating the messages into Tamil language. He now has a very humble and sweet spirit. We are praying for his wife's salvation. The Sunday school has been progressing steadily.

Grace Baptist School:

Under the leadership of Francis and Leena Newton, the School is progressing both academically and spiritually. We have had the joy of seeing some of our school students, who were taken away by their Hindu parents returning back to school. Many of these dear students, who get saved in the School, have a tough time in their homes with their unsaved relations. These are coming from broken homes and are very poor. We love our school children. Please, pray for our School. Lately they staged a Cultural Program on August 15th 2003 (Independence Day). Both the College and School took part. You should have been here to witness their talents. My heart is full of praise to God for what He is doing for our School.

Special Delivery:

On 25th of August 2003, our 10th grand child was born. This time, again a boy! Pastor Charles and Abigail are overjoyed and thankful for this precious little one. Abigail had to go through Surgery, as she could not have a normal delivery. Now both mother and baby are fine. The little fellow is a bundle of joy. Grand children are really grand.

Wedding Bells:

The first Wedding at Tirupattur Baptist Church took place on the 7th of August. The young man whom we have previously mentioned in this letter Ravi Kumar by name from Olivet-Grace Baptist Church was married to Emmimal (member of Tirupattur Baptist Church). This time, it was my joy to see, Pastor Charles and Pastor Adrian perform the wedding. I had the privilege to preach. I was so thankful to God, to see, these whom I had trained progressing in the Lord's work. I am trying to get out of their way, but sometimes I get entangled.

Personal:

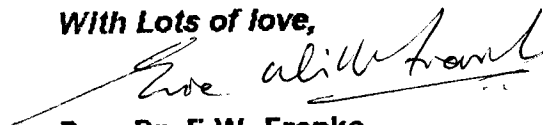
My wife Molly still has that evening fever. Several treatments are still being administered to her. Please, pray for her. We thank all of you who have helped in

medical expenses. We are very thankful to our supporting churches and friends. We do not know what we will do without your prayer and help. You have been supporting us for several years. We feel it is needful for us to revisit you and report to you personally. We are available from April 15th to Oct. 15th 2004, as we will God-willing be visiting United States. I know you have been receiving our News Letters. If you would decide to have us come to your church either on Sundays (A.M. or P.M.) or on prayer meeting days or for missions conference, we will definitely make ourselves available to you. Please, let us know in advance, so that we can schedule our dates at your convenience. Even, if you are not one of our supporting churches, we would like to come and present our burden at your request. Please fill up the form below and kindly return it to us. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUEST:

1. Building of Kurumberi Church will cost \$ 2,500/-
2. A Copy Machine- \$ 2,750/- (a one time gift Appreciated)
3. Piano for Church, Old one is not in condition. \$ 2,000/- (a one time gift appreciated).
4. Tamil workers.
5. Our son Lemuel Franks is doing his doctorate in Tabernacle Baptist Bible College & Sem. and Stephen Franks is studying in Bob Jones to complete his Pre-Med. Stephen needs financial help for his education. If the Lord burdens you for Stephen, kindly send the amounts to our Mission Board address in his name. We will be very thankful, as he needs help.

With Lots of love,



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