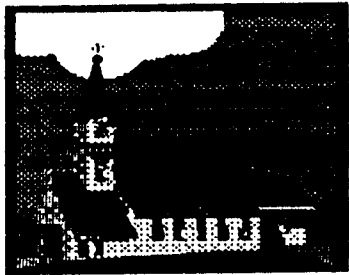


Prayer Letter

(December 03 January 2004)



**"A BLESSED
CHRIST
BIRTH TO
ALL."**

Dear Pastors & Co-laborers,

"But when the fullness of the time was come God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law, to redeem ..." (Gal.4: 4,5). It is good to trace through human history, how this fullness came into being. Though Adam was created innocent; that innocence could not save him. In the antediluvian world man walked according to his conscience; but the dictates of conscience could not save him. In the postdiluvian world human Government was introduced giving man the right to enforce punishment for sins; but human government could not and cannot save mankind from their sins. Since the calling of Abraham in Genesis Chapter twelve God gave both conditional and unconditional promises to mankind, inclusive of the promise of the SEED (singular) of Abraham (Christ) Gal.3: 16. But alas even those promises in themselves could not save man. But then at least God gave His law, through Moses. Due to the weakness of the flesh even law could not save man and that which was intended for life became for death. Then, when the fullness of time, was come, God sent His Son to save mankind. And did the Son save us?! Indeed He saves us to the uttermost. Though man was always saved by Grace through faith, in this age we see it in its fullness. Now we wait for His second coming. A Very Happy New Year 2004 to All.

White Field Baptist Church:
In the month of November (21st - 23rd) special gospel meetings were conducted in White Field Baptist Church. I spoke on Redemption, Substitution, Propitiation and Reconciliation. There was a deep understanding of the word in the minds of the people. The Sunday School Children staged a good programme during the Christmas time. Their theme was "Immanuel". Pastor Richard Jacob and Leah labors in this church continually

Jawadhi Hills Ministry:
During the inter-semester period (Nov. 17th -19th) both the Staff and students of Calvary Baptist Bible College made a three days camp at Jawadhi Hills. Most of us stayed in tents. We had Bible-studies and then cooked together, ate together and preached together. The weather was cool. We climbed to remote mountain regions and preached the glorious gospel of Christ. Many New Testaments in Tamil language was distributed. At present we are concentrating on 3 villages i.e., Malaitirupattur, Valasai, and Malayandi Patti. During camp time we preached in 3 villages i.e., Nellivasal, Nellipattu and Chembra. The roads make it impossible for travel. At one point our van sunk into water and slush and for a while we thought we were in real trouble; but we got out of it and the vehicle was slightly damaged. It was dangerous as we were near the cliff of the mountain.

Special Meetings (Bombay):
From 26th to 30th of October we had meetings in Bombay city. This was where Molly and I labored from 1960 - 1970. Since then the Church had split twice. It was good to note that Pastor John Isaac, the man we put there is doing a sincere and good work in this Church. They are truly an independent work. I preached on the 2nd coming of Christ. Bombay is a center of Charismatic mess. Many were taken out of this delusion of present day Charismatic movement through the sound preaching of God's word. Meetings were arranged for 3 days but it went into the 4th day, with much blessing. We drove in two cars from Tirupattur to Bombay and back, a distance of 2,400 K.M.

Tirupattur Baptist Church:
Tirupattur Baptist Church had 6 baptisms on 16/11/03. Two of them Reuben and Heptzibah were Bible College students. They were not sure whether their baptisms were scriptural. Now they are happy after baptism. The other lady was a Hindu convert and is now regularly attending church. This church is growing steadily. They along with Grace Baptist School for Hearing and Hearing Impaired displayed a wonderful Christmas program on 13th of December. The Bible College students also took part. The school choir was led by Mrs. Leena Newton (my daughter) and the college choir by Mrs. Molly Franks. The Kurumberi Baptist Church presented a good drama in Tamil. During Christmas time carol singing was conducted for 3 days and we covered almost 28 homes and presented the word of Salvation.

The Calvary Baptist Bible College & Seminary:
 The Calvary Baptist Bible College & Seminary had their 10th graduation on the 5th of December 2003. We had this special graduation because we did not have any graduation for the last two years. Two students were graduated with Bachelor of Theology and one with Bachelor of Divinity. On the 1st week of April 2004 we will be having our 11th Graduation.

Olivet-Grace Baptist Church:

The Olivet-Grace Baptist Church is progressing both spiritually and numerically in Bangalore under the pastoral guidance of Adrian and Emma Hendricks. They are concentrating in Hospital Visitation and Youth activities. They have an all-night prayer meeting once a month. The church building underwent some renovations with fresh painting and new curtains. The children's choir sang for the Christmas programme. You should have heard them. Their theme was Jesus the Lamb of God. After the message 3 or 4 people raised their hands for Salvation.

Grace Baptist School for the Hearing and Hearing Impaired:

Leena & Francis Newton is ceaselessly working for this school. The Tenth Grade is almost ready for graduation. The school is part of the outreach of the Church. They are a great satisfaction to us as we see them grow in the Lord. If you heard their singing you will never think they are coming from under-privileged, and broken homes. Almost all of them know the Lord and come willingly for outreach work.

Change of Schedule:

There is a slight change in our coming to U.S.A. We will be visiting U.S.A. from the 1st week of May to the end of October 2004. Previously we had thought of coming by the 15th of April 2004. But due to many reasons we had to change it. Please note the change. Many have responded to our schedule of meetings. We are again including a schedule form in this News Letter. We have not visited our supporting churches for many years. We want to come personally and report to you so please try to schedule us to your church. We also need new churches as our financial commitments are increasing as the work progresses. Please use the enclosed forms.

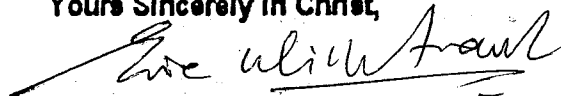
The Devil has been attacking us very much, but we keep claiming the Blood of Christ. Molly still has the evening fever. Please pray. Pray in all of our busy life we will continue to walk closely with the Lord in fellowship and intercession.

Prayer Request:

1. Kurumberi Church Building needs funds.
2. Monthly support needed to be increased. If you have not yet taken us on, please do so. Need more than \$ 1000/- increase.
3. Pray for Tamil speaking families to work in Jawachi Mountains.
4. Mrs. Molly Franks' health.
5. A God send revival in all our work.
6. Financial support for Stephen Franks at Bob Jones University.

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Yours Sincerely in Christ,



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