

FRANKS NEWS LETTER

May 2006

Dear Pastors and Co- workers, "What a blessedness it is to be forgiven, but much more to forgive."
Eph 4:32.

Greetings from Bangalore, India. Thanks for your valuable prayers and support towards us and our work for the Lord. As you know I am pastoring the **Whitefield Baptist Church**. In the month of February, two ladies, i.e. Ms Saghai Mary (aged 29) and Sister Teresa (aged 62) were baptized and added to the church. Both were saved out of the Roman Catholic religion. Through much prayer, the church attendance is slowly increasing.

In the month of January, there were baptisms at the **Olivet-Grace Baptist Church**. Four believers were baptised, namely Nikil, Smitha, Sudhakar and Stanley. The Church is relocated into a new place and has better facilities and lesser rent to pay. As Adrian and Emma Hendricks (our son-in-law & daughter) continue to pastor here the Church is increasing in attendance and in spiritual growth. They had V.B.S. in Kanarese language and an average of 60 children attended. The next week they had V.B.S. in English and an average of 50 children attended. They have initiated a new nucleus of a church in Kaggadasapura village, in Bangalore, where most of our school children reside. Please pray that we will be able to rent a building here and start a local Church. They had V.B.S. here and an average of 25 children attended. Again God initiated Mrs. Vishwanathan (one of the members of Olivet -Grace Baptist Church) to hold a V.B.S. in her house in Ramurthi Nagar and had an average of 25 children attended.

The Tirupattur Baptist Church, being pastored by Charles and Abigail Edwein (our son-in-law & daughter) is progressing steadily. They had V.B.S. in Tamil and English languages in Tirupattur and **Kurumberi village**. In Tirupattur, an average of 55 children attended and in Kurumberi village over 100 children attended. Most of these children are from a non-Christian background (Hindus) and many of them made decisions for Christ. The Kurumberi Church is getting stronger in the Lord. This summer under the supervision of Pastor Charles, by God's Grace, we will be constructing the Church Building.

The Calvary Baptist Bible College and Seminary had their Gospel Camp at Pudur Nadu (Jawadhi Hills) at the end of February 2006. Both staff and students attended the camp. They were able to visit 4 villages with the Gospel. Since the school where we resided in was in session and the Head-Master being favorable to us, we were able to reach out to the school children with the Gospel. Many made decisions for Christ and some were definitely saved. There is a good prospect of a Church coming up in Pudur Nadu. This is a place strong in Animistic-Hinduism and Demonism. Please pray.

The College Graduation was on 17 April 2006. The students, namely David Lal and Ngun (both Burmese) took their Master of Divinity degree and two students namely Sis. Hepzibah (a Tamil young lady) and Hengam (a Manipuri boy) took their Bachelor of Divinity and two other students Esther and Vinod (both from Burma) took their Bachelor of Theology. It was a real struggle to complete their courses and achieve their goals. We thank God for sufficient grace at this time.

On July 28th 2006, my son Lemuel Franks, God-willing, will be married to Marcy Reynolds, an American lady from Oklahoma. She is really a Christ-loving and missionary-minded lady. She has already visited India and witnessed Lemuel's work. They were also engaged while she was on her visit here in Mumbai. Lemuel is a missionary to India sent by Tabernacle Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is working in Mumbai where we previously worked. We think it important to attend this wedding.

In my absence, the White Field Church will be under the leadership of Francis & Leena Newton. (Our Eldest son-in-law and daughter)

Pastor John Isaac, our missionary in Mumbai, while pastoring his own church in Mumbai is also overseeing the work of the other three Pastors, namely Pastor Suresh, Pastor Krupanandan and Pastor Chawan. Pastor Suresh had several baptisms in his church with severe opposition from fanatic Hindus.

We often hear from our graduates, Jonah Sharma, (missionary to Bhutan), and Hmunga (missionary to Burma). There is a strong opposition to the Gospel in these countries, yet the Lord's Word is being proclaimed.

The School is closed for the summer and will re-open in June. The college is also closed for the summer and will commence from the end of July 2006.

My son Lemuel is getting married in July 2006 to Marcy Reynolds in Oklahoma, USA. With this in mind, and the overwhelming needs for our work in India we decided to run a short deputation from May to August 2006. Our Mission Board is aware of these increasing needs in our ministry in India and has encouraged us to visit churches and raise support for our work. Hence, we left India on the 15th of May and will be returning to India on the 15th of August. We would love to visit your Church during this time, to report to you or come as a prospective Missionary.

Immediate Urgent needs:

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| 1. Balance payment for School Building lease - | \$ 3,000 |
| 2. Unexpected Medical bills - | \$ 1,000 |
| 3. Urgent repair of Vehicles - | \$ 1,000 |
| 4. Balance for Church Building Construction (Kuremberri) - | \$ 4,000 |

Ongoing Needs:

We need an increase of \$ 2000, in our monthly income as the work is progressing.

Kindly remember us in your prayers. We will visit with you anywhere in the U.S.A. to share our ministry and burden.

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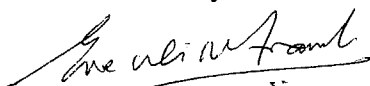
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Looking forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely in Christ



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