

## Franks Family Ministry to India – News Letter

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Dear pastors, church members and friends.

*“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ...” Philipians 1:3*

With love in our hearts we thank you for your prayers and support for our ministry in India. We regret that we may not be able to visit with you on this deputation trip due to Parkinson's and diabetes diseases as I am unable to travel extensively by myself as before through the US. As a consequence we are staying at my son's home in Greenville, SC and visiting churches in the area to raise support for the work in India. God has been favorable to us and we have visited a few churches here in South Carolina on short notice and some have promised to take us on for support.

In my physical weakness God is still using me for his glory for which I am very thankful. I am learning more about applying the statements in scripture as *“...for when I am weak, then am I strong.” II Corinthians 2:10* and *“...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” II Corinthians 12: 9.*

While we are here in the US the work back in India is being managed very well by god fearing personnel that I have trained. I thank God for my daughters and their husbands in India that are in leadership roles continuing the work amidst difficult circumstances.

Just to keep you updated on the work in India we have much to praise the Lord for as he continues to provide. When we came to the US in May 2010 we needed \$10,000.00 to complete the Kurimberri Church building, we have since received \$2,250.00 and we are praying and strongly believe that the Lord will provide the remaining \$7,750.00 before we return to India. As mentioned in our previous news letter our monthly support has been between 55%-60% we are now at 63% and we thank the Lord for this.

As mentioned in the past, our ministry continues to expand with over 150 students in Grace Baptist School for the Hearing and Hearing Impaired, and an average of 25-30 students in Calvary Baptist Bible College and Seminary. With this rate of expansion we have about 32 full time staff members that assist us in educating and taking care of these ministries. Several of these staff members also assist us in various church-planting and outreach ministries to Jawadhi Mountains, unreached areas in Maharastra and other areas of India.

The church work in Mumbai continues to grow, but is in need of approximately \$9,000.00 to complete the full payment for their church building. The owner of the building has been kind enough to allow them to continue to worship, but is requesting payment as soon as possible. Please remember this in your prayers.

Please pray that the Lord will give us opportunities to share our ministry with other churches in this area while we are here till November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

Please pray for my health as I seek to continue to serve the Lord and preach His word; the last 50 years of ministry seem like an introduction to more fruitful work that lies ahead.

We thank you for continuing to support our ministry knowing the economic crisis that has affected all of us. We believe that we have a Great God as stated in *Ps 86:10 “For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.”*

Your servant for the Lord Jesus Christ

*Eric Wilfred Franks.*  
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