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“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.” (Psalms 103:2-5).

Dear Fellow Laborers with us in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our soon coming Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ. We are writing this update and newsletter in anticipation of returning to our work in India on November 1st 2010. We are privileged to work with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions and are very thankful for their leadership. The office staff is very understanding and it is a joy and comfort to call their office and get much needed help and advice in times of difficulties.

Regarding my health (Parkinson's, diabetes and heart disease)—in the month of August, I began going down to the point that I was unable to move my limbs freely at all, and became very rigid. My wife, Molly, helped me very lovingly and tenderly and even had to feed me during this time. According to her I am her “big baby” now. Steve, our son, and his wife, Geena, are a great help in many ways. Steve took me to two doctors in Greenville, SC, that were very supportive in assisting me. After examining me, the Neurologist changed my medications which helped me very much. But ultimately the Lord was my real Helper and Healer and heard your prayers and mine. I am much better now, but still have a long way to recovery and have hypertension associated with dizziness that leaves me very weak at times. I go for my morning and evening walks and now am able to continue activities to daily living. Thank you so much for praying for me. “I am pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day”—both spiritually and physically.

The work continues on in India by our well-trained staff and family that have managed well without us over the last few months. We are waiting to get back to our work in India. Upon my return, I will need to catch up with teaching the first and second semester subjects in the Bible College and Seminary. Please pray that the Lord will give wisdom and strength during this time.

Our goal on this trip was to increase our monthly support and fill in the financial holes that continue to exist since our support level is at 48.4% not including monthly gifts. When we came to the US in May 2010 we needed \$10,000 to complete the church in Kuremberi, India. We are very thankful for the churches that have raised approximately \$5,300 of the \$10,000 which is required to complete our first church building. As the Lord provides, we will continue to build and complete the church building. We do believe God's people will extend their loving help and prayers toward these essential needs. Due to my physical condition we were unable to drive and travel as before in the US, but the Lord opened doors using some very helpful pastors and friends in the Greenville, SC area that have allowed us to share our ministry. Our joy, message, aim and end is Jesus Himself. The immediate needs on our return are to complete the Kuremberi Church building (\$4,700), complete payment of church building in Mumbai (\$9,000) and undergo a full medical/physical check up for me and my wife (approximately \$5,000). Also, our vehicle's transmission needs repair—\$1,000. “We seek not our own but the things of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:21' Your prayers and support are much needed as we your servants serve the Lord in India.

Your fellow laborer in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Eric W. Franks