

NEWS LETTER

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Olivet-Grace Baptist Church

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And His *mercy* is on those that fear Him from generation to generation... To perform the *mercy* promised to our fathers, ... Through the tender *mercy* of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, (Luke 1:50; 72; 78). ... and *mercy* rejoiceth against judgment. (James 2:13)

No wonder, the song writer wrote, "The mercies of God what a theme for my song, Oh, I never could number them all. They are more than the stars of the heavenly dome, or the sands of the wave-beaten shore." Of late I have been reminded as never before about the mercy of God, in Christ Jesus. How undone, unworthy and unprofitable am I in God's sight. If my Jesus had not come for me and loved me and washed me in His own blood, what hope would I have had? Merry far exceeds all bounds in Christ Jesus. I am so glad He came for me. What a privilege to serve such a loving, forgiving Saviour.

We came back to India in the 1st week of November 2001. Towards the end of our

deputation I kept feeling ill and weak and did not quite understand the problem, so as we reached India, the very next day I went for a Cardiac scan and discovered that I have 4 severe blocks in my heart. No wonder I was feeling so exhausted and tired and was puffing like a steam engine. I have started on a new treatment known as Chelation for the removal of the blocks. This treatment removes Cholesterol blocks not only from the heart but from all over the body. My brother Alfred Franks had 9 blocks and after treatment is left with only one marginal one, with a mild block. I have already started on my first stage of treatment. I have 5 more stages to complete with an interval of six weeks between each stage. So now there will be no operation. The treatment is done intravenously. I am so thankful that I do not have to go through another by-pass surgery. At present I am only taking a light amount of work, as I have to rest most of the time. My teaching-load has been reduced and also my responsibilities in the Church.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION:

We have started on the Church building in Kurumberi village (Jawadi Hills) and my Son-in-law, Charles Edwein has undertaken the task. It was nice to see the foundation being laid. This time we are building it strong with a view to have a second floor.

GRACE BAPTIST SCHOOL:

Grace Baptist School for the Hearing and Hearing Impaired is doing well. They put out a good Christmas program and about 6 people raised their hands to receive the Lord Jesus Christ. The Tirupattur Baptist Church and students of Calvary Baptist Bible College & Seminary joined with them in this effort.

WHITEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH:

In Whitefield Baptist Church, where Richard and Leah are pastoring, the Church is