

The Franks' NEWS LETTER

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Dear pastors, co-workers,

"But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain: but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." (1 Corinthians 15:10). The older we grow, the more we are aware that without the grace of God we can do nothing for God. Total dependence on God – How comforting and strengthening!

A usual day starts between 4:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Personal devotions most important – by 7:30 a.m. Class starts at Seminary – always rushing for time - Classes go on till 1:00 p.m. including Chapel Message – a short nap after Lunch – teaching again from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – on Tuesdays, Church prayer meeting – on Wednesdays and Sunday evenings with Outreach pro-grams at Kurumberi (at the foot of Jawadhi mountains) - then back at home by 8:30 p.m.

My wife Molly has been ill since August. She is on a long-term treatment. I have not been too well either. The old heart still has one of the main vessels blocked and my colon keeps sending toxic substances through the blood to disturb my heart. I still need to take one more month of treatment. But on the whole it has been very good. We are rejoicing in the Lord and very thankful.

Calvary Baptist Bible College & Seminary:

This year we have classes ranging from First years to Master Divinity level. There are 34 students. Eighteen of them in Tirupattur and sixteen in Bangalore. This includes eight lady students. In Bangalore we have six church members taking Theology. We completed Bibliology and are starting on Modern Theological Trends.

Usually Indian students go to U.S.A for Theological study. Not, so with Joshua Kampa from Deerwood, Minnesota! He came to India to our Bible College to do his training. He has been doing well, but for occasional sickness. He has been a great encouragement to us. Mr. & Mrs. Kampa with their youngest son Aaron visited us in the month of August 2002. Their visit was very encouraging. They had a first hand experience of our work. They even dared to visit with us in Jawadhi

Hills and preached. They are really a mission minded family. We love them.

One of our students from North-east India was found with Tuberculosis in his stomach, and Intestine. We had to hospitalize him. He was operated and part of his intestines and Colon had to be removed. He is back in College and doing well. But it cost us a whole lot and he did not have any money. Some of you helped us in this difficulty and we are thankful. We have not yet recovered from this financial deficit.

Grace Baptist School for Hearing & Hearing Impaired:

At present we have a little over hundred students. This includes 14 deaf children. All these are under-privileged coming mostly from broken homes. We house them, feed them, tuition them and medically care for them. 12 teachers including Francis and Leena are the teaching staff. There is also seven other domestic staff to help with the up keep of smaller children.

Some details: -

1. Danalaksmi - She passed out of our school and was saved and baptized, but had to marry an unsaved Hindu man.
2. Rajalaksmi - She was in our school but was stopped from attending. Later she was married to a Hindu man. She was only 14 years old. We can only pray for them and expect God to work continually in their lives.
3. Chitra - She is about 14 years old, a truly saved person who loved to be in our school. She wanted to be baptized when her family heard about it; they opposed it and later stopped her from attending our school. But we kept praying. After a gap of a month God brought her back to our school and one of her brothers that opposed her is now reading the Bible. What a victory! She is very happy now is and desirous to serve the Lord.

Tirupattur Baptist Church:

Pastor Charles and Abigail our daughter, continue to pastor the church. This they do besides teaching in Grace Baptist School and Calvary Baptist Bible College & Seminary. Our College and school children attend this Church. Besides the regular Sunday and Tuesday services, the church has outreach program, especially in Kurumberi that is at the foot of Jawadhi Hills. Right now they are preparing for Christmas activities.

Kurumberi Church:

This has been a very encouraging work. Pastor Charles and myself take initiative here. I cannot read or write

Tamil language but I have been preaching and teaching in my broken Tamil and the people seem to enjoy and be edified. You should here their prayers – the voices of newborn babes. Due to the lack of funds, the church building is at a stand still. Need funds.

Olivet-Grace Baptist Church:

As mentioned in the previous News Letter I resigned as Pastor and Adrian and Emma my daughter are pastoring the Church, and are doing an excellent job. Five ladies took baptism namely, Rosy, Anu, Saranya, Gloria and Jasmitha.

1. Anu was a Hindu before but had married one of our church members. She had made a profession prior to her marriage but was saved since then. In spite of opposition from her family she boldly got baptized.
2. Jasmintha was from a Hindu background and was baptized as a Christian without being born again. After coming to our church she was truly saved and being convicted of the Word was baptized again. Now she is attending Theology classes.
3. Rosy and Saranya were our Sunday school children who grew up into our youth group. Rosy is from a Roman Catholic background and Saranya from Hindu back ground.
4. Gloria is from Tamil background.

The church is currently having several Cottage meetings besides the Sunday services. The youth have been visiting hospitals with the gospel with encouraging results. Several Tamil families joined our church hence, we have Tamil interpretation for all services.

Whitefield Baptist Church:

Richard and Leah our daughter are faithfully serving in White Field. Besides the church work, regular Sunday school and Cottage meetings are going on. The Church needs relocation, as the present premises are not conducive for church work. Besides, the house where Richard and Leah are staying has been proven to be unhealthy. They need another residence. Due to the unhealthy condition, there has been much sickness in the family. All this entails much money as rents and advances have gone up. Leah is one of the missionaries of World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. But their support is very meager. They need more monthly support. Could some of you churches take them on for support? Besides pastoring the Church, Richard also teaches in our Seminary, at Bangalore.

Other News:

My uncle Christy, of whom I spoke, while on deputation passed on to glory. He was 81 years old, but saved and baptized. My sister Helen's husband Frank Suttle met with a bad car accident and has been paralyzed from hip down. He is one of my fruits, saved through me and baptized by me. He is in fulltime work of the Lord. They are at present staying with us and he is learning to rehabilitate. Pray for him.

We have espied a property for Bible College and School near to Jawadhi Hills. This property is 5 ½ acres wide and has four buildings already in it. Ideal for our use. The only problem is it costs \$ 40,000/-. Can God provide? Will you pray and help? We know you will. We express our deep thankfulness to all who contributed to our new vehicle. It is moving well.

Our son Lemuel is still with Dr. Rod Bell and Stephen and Geena are in South Carolina. Stephen needs financial help to pay his fees at Bob Jones University. He is doing his Pre-Med. at Bob Jones.

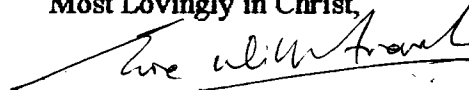
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You, dear pastors, co-workers and individuals that pray for us and support us, have our heart felt gratitude. Without your help we cannot continue our mission.

Prayer Requests:

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 \$ 1,000/- increase.
3. For Tamil speaking families to work in Jawadhi Mountains.
4. A God sent revival in all our works.
5. Financial support for Stephen Franks at Bob Jones.

Most Lovingly in Christ,



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