

# The Franks Newsletter

## May 2005

**Dear Pastor, Friends and Co-workers,**

Here, I am, late again in giving you News. We have been busy, very busy; "Faint yet pursuing ..." (Judges 8:4). "But thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Cor.15:57). There has been some losses, some gains; some defeats, some victory, but still going forward, but no retreats. We are conscious of your prayers. Thank you for your valuable support.

### **Calvary Baptist Bible College & Seminary:**

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April 2005 we had our College graduation. Three students graduated with B.TH. degree, while others had to be restrained due to Academic requirements. The B.D. students also did not complete their studies; hence we postponed their graduation till December 2005. It was hard getting all their subjects completed. We had to tighten our Academic standard so that the students would take their studies more seriously.

### **Olivet-Grace Baptist Church:**

Soon after the College graduation we had 3 days special meeting at Olivet-Grace Baptist Church. More than 100 people attended the meetings. All were enthusiastic with testimonies and special songs. I spoke on the Cross and Blood of Christ. Many came forward at the invitations. Especially Church members were blessed and revived. Soon after that 3 persons i.e., a lady and 2 youth were baptized. A good youth group has come up both in English and Kannada. Pastor Adrian and Emma (my daughter) are doing an excellent work in pastoring the Church in Bangalore.

### **White Field Baptist Church:**

Recently Pastor Richard and Leah (my daughter) were in a lot of health problems. Richard's back and knees had trouble and Leah was admitted in hospital for few days due to large stomach Ulcers. Children were also very sick often. At present all are felling better. They held special gospel meetings from 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2005. I spoke on Justification and Redemption. Six to seven persons received the Lord, but mainly the members were revived and blessed. I also spoke at their Easter morning service. This church needs a lot of encouragement.

### **Kuramberi Baptist Church:**

Pastor Charles, besides being busy at Tirupattur also cares for this Church along with his wife Abigail (my daughter). This precious Church made up of poor villagers is steadily growing with the usual growing-pains. We have not started building the church-building yet as we are contemplating on getting a bigger property which will be better for future work.

### **Tirupattur Baptist Church:**

Pastor Charles & Abigail (my daughter) are doing a very good work here. This is the Church where our College students and School children attend. From 28<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005 we had special meetings. It was well attended. As we ended the meeting some made decisions for Christ and 10 persons (Mrs. Mary Ann, Mrs. Ruth, Esther, Shakuntala, Suraj, Vijay, Asish Pani, Manjula, Rakha and Muniamma) were baptized.

## V.B.S. Reports from our Churches:

Place	Church	Language	Number Attended	Result
Bangalore	Olivet-Grace Baptist Church	English Kannada	35 70	6 Saved - A good youth group has come up.
Bangalore	White Field Baptist Church	English Kannada	18 22	4 showed interest in salvation. 4 moslim young people came and learned Scripture regularly
Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu	Tirupattur Baptist Church	English Tamil	25 50	10 responed to the altar call. 25 responed to the altar call.
Kaggadaspura, Bangalore	Under the auspices of Tirupattur Baptist Church	English Tamil	15 20	6 or 7 responed to gospel. This was followed by gospel meeting in the evening 5-6 people responed.

### Jawadhi Hills Camp for Families & Youth:

We ended up taking over 60 persons including 7 families in four vehicles loaded with tents, vessels, food, water, and other equipments going up the steep mountain over wicked roads. It looked impossible to go up. The recent rains had washed away all mud and only sharp rocks were left on the so called roads. One of our vehicles got damaged. The diesel-tank was punctured and the exhaust pipe and the rear-step was twisted upwards. But we blocked the holes on the tank with soaps. It worked (Jungle mechanics). We had camp from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2005. The place was at Government Rest home at Nellivasal village. The water had to be hauled up from the valley. We kept the women and families indoors while we pitched the tents for the rest of us. We took the campers for village evangelism. Our son Lemuel also joined us for our camp and was one of the group leaders. He was a blessing. At the camp fire on the last night testimonies came flowing out from many.

### Camp Testimonies:

1. I have really enjoyed this Camp. Everything was fine. Thank you for your teaching on "Forgiveness" and other Bible studies. My heart is burdened for the people of "Malayandipatti" & "Nellivasal." I want to work here for my Lord ... Please pray that God will give me a husband, who will also have the same burden. (She is about 21 years old). - **Rosy**
2. "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss ... Christ Jesus my Lord." This camp was very nice... I learned about "Forgiveness" and more about Christ. - **Nikhil**.
3. This camp helped me a lot... ministry has struggling and suffering aspects ... the vehicles suffered due to terrible roads... I learned to evangelize in villages. I gave my testimony to Village people... In four days God taught me many things especially on "Forgiveness"... We need to conduct similar Camps in other village in Jawadhi Hills. - **G. Paul Palanivelu**.
4. I was from a Hindu family. My mother is dead and father is a farmer. I have 4 brothers. I am only one daughter for my parents. I have finished 10<sup>th</sup> grade. I studied in Bible College 3 years. I was very happy to join the Camp. I do not know what I have to do with my life. There is no peace in my family. Pray

that my family will come to Christ. I want to study more. I do believe in Jesus Christ. I learned in the camp, how to forgive others and to continue with God. May God be glorified. - **Rani.**

5. From the time I knew the Lord as my Savior and Dr. Franks' ministry, I had the privilege of attending all the Camps possible. These Camps and other activities of the Church helped me grow and understood much about the Lord Jesus and His will for my life. Every Camp was a blessing to me. My wife and I enjoyed this year's Camp alot. Dr. Franks not only brought out the subject on "Forgiveness" but also about "Wise Parenting." It helps us young parents to bring up our 2 children in the fear of the Lord. This year's Camp was also very special to me especially because my mother was present for this Camp who recently got saved and baptized in our Church. -**Pastor Charles & Abigail.**

### **Missions:**

Our missionary, Jonah Sharma wrote to us saying that the work in Bhutan, though very difficult because of the Government, is still going on in an underground fashion. Our Graduate Humga also our missionary is endeavoring to start local church in Burma, but is facing great difficulties. Please pray for these 2 men.

Pastor John Isaac and the three pastors in Bombay are continuing the great Commission of establishing churches and discipling members in the churches. Our son Lemuel Franks has joined ranks with these men in a very profitable manner. Please pray for these who are serving the Lord.

### **Grace Baptist School:**

This year we had a total of 123 students, out of which 14 were deaf children. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade had Government Public exam and all passed. This year as we did not have a 10<sup>th</sup> grade there was no graduation. Next year there will be a number going for 10<sup>th</sup> grade and hence graduation. The school closed for summer vacation on April 9<sup>th</sup> and will re-open as June 6<sup>th</sup> 2005. We need support for children and money for books and furniture. You may support a child for \$30 per month. Most of the students are inmates (boarders). Please pray.

We have a few urgent needs this month. Please pray the Lord supply the funds.

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| 1. Vehicles repairs                                  | - | \$ 300/- |
| 2. Vehicles Tyres                                    | - | \$ 300/- |
| 3. School children's books and stationary            | - | \$ 600/- |
| 4. Small plastic chairs & tables for School children | - | \$ 200/- |
| 5. Spiral binding and Lamination for College notes   | - | \$ 250/- |

You may feel free to donate for any one of the above items. We will be more than grateful to you for your kind prayer and support. Please also remember our prayer request listed below. We work with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, U.S.A. We appreciate the Board Members and Staff very much.

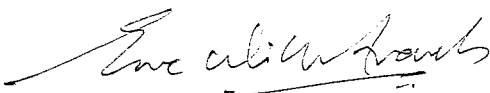
### **Prayer Request:**

1. The 5 Acres of Land for School, College & Church.
2. An extra monthly support of \$ 2,000/- in our budget.
3. Need teachers & workers.
4. My wife Molly's illness.
5. Need much rain.

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**In the bonds of Christ,**



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