

THE FRANKS' FAMILY

Prayer Letter, October 2006

Dear Pastors & Co-Workers,

Greetings from us here in India. The Lord has been very good to us. We have discovered that more than all things, the most important thing is to spend much time with the Lord alone in prayer and absorb the Word of God into us. His presence is very satisfying and His word is most sweet.

We had been for a short 3 months visit to USA in May 2006 and returned back in August after attending our son Lemuel's wedding in Oklahoma. We also visited a few churches in North and South Carolina, Virginia and California. This was a great blessing and we are hoping churches will take us on for support. We still need a lot of funds at least an increase of \$ 2,000/- more per month. Pray that the Lord help us. We had a wonderful time in June attending our Annual family fellowship week of W.W.N.T.B. Missions at Pastor Tim Daniel's church (New Testament Baptist Church at Kinston, North Carolina). We were happy to meet many of our old and new families at those meetings.

We know it has been a few months since you heard from us. This is because we have been deeply involved in the work of the Lord. Thank you for your love, prayers and support, without which we could not have survived. Needs have been great but just at the nick of time God helps us through your sacrifices. My wife Molly has not been too well. Her legs and back keep hurting and there is always a feeling of not being well. We have again made medical investigations without much results. My diabetes has been quite high but has come down a bit. I am taking medication and depend on God to heal me: so also with my wife Molly.

The Olivet-Grace Baptist Church has obtained a new premise on rent and is prospering spiritually. They have started a new study for married couples and for prospective husbands and wives.

The White Field Baptist Church is currently pastored by Francis and Leena Newton. Once a month, I go to encourage them as their Senior Pastor. I find it necessary to be in our other churches too, to help out. This Church will be chiming wedding bells as God has led Anita and Maquine to be married. Please pray for this Church. At a place near Bangalore called Kaggadasapura, we have been having regular meetings in the evenings and Bro. Varghese (one of our old workers) has joined us to help. He knows both English and Tamil. This group is mainly made up of graduates from our School.

Francis and Leena Newtons are heading the Grace Baptist School for the Hearing and Hearing-Impaired. We are still facing problems with the Government concerning the approval of our School. Some unbelievers are bringing wrong accusations against us. This ofcourse is the work of the enemy. Please pray for this matter.

We are still working with the Government of India about the F.C.R.A. number. They keep making excuses. This number is necessary for our Trust to receive Foreign Contribution. Please pray earnestly.

In Kurumberi we are planning on constructing the church building. The rains have been plenty and we are thankful to the Lord but this has delayed the work. One of our members, an older lady by the name Kulachiammal from Kurumberi has been very sick. She has no loved ones. Pastor Charles and Abigail have been very kind in helping her. She is in hospital right now. Please pray. Charles and Abigail are also pastoring the Tirupattur Baptist Church.

The Calvary Baptist Bible College and Seminary has been in session since July. In November second week we will be completing our First Semester. I spend most of my time teaching here from Tuesday to Friday. I start my classes at 7:30 and end at 1:00 PM. I also take evening classes. My wife Molly has been helping with the English language and music. Students appreciate her teaching very much.

In Bombay, Pastor John Isaac has undergone a lens replacement in his eye. This has caused a lot of money and he needs help. This Church has lost their meeting place. They need to find another premise within one and a half months. This requires finances too. The three other pastors in Bombay working under us are doing an excellent Job. They reach out to Nasik district, which is quite a distance from Bombay.

Meanwhile we along with our families (children) took a gospel trip to Hyderabad, which was a great blessing. We needed a few days together plus I took studies on the Second Coming of Christ also our family sang. We believe God spoke to many and some were touched to serve God.

Our students are still working in Burma and Bhutan as missionaries, supported by our local churches. They are facing great difficulties and need a lot of prayer. In Bhutan especially there is opposition and persecution from the Government.

We have started a new nucleus of a local church in Pudurnadu (Jawadhi Hills). One of the men that we trained by name Govind, a Hindu convert; who is a native of Jawadhi Hills is working there. Pastor Charles and others go with him on Sundays to help and encourage the villagers. Last Sunday my wife and I took some students with us to Pudurnadu. It was a blessing and some people got saved. This is a dream come true. We believe hopefully, that soon there will be baptisms and a local church will be established. Pastor Charles takes regular trips to Jawadhi Hills visiting several villages. I often accompany them

In Kurumberi 3 persons are ready for baptisms. Please pray for our churches.

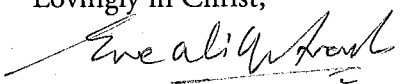
We appreciate your prayer and financial support. Without you dear pastors and churches we will be crippled in our work. Please keep giving generously and sacrificially as you have done in the past for the Lord. We are greatly in need of funds. More than all our financial help we need your prayers.

We are very thankful to our Mission Board W.W.N.T.B. Missions, and to the leaders that God has given to us. They are caring and very efficient and we appreciate their labor of love.

Immediate Urgent needs:

- 1. Balance payment for School Building lease : \$ 1,800/-
- 2. Unexpected Medical bills : \$ 1,000/-
- 3. Urgent repair of Vehicles : \$ 1,000/-
- 4. Balance for Church Building Construction (Kurumberi) : \$ 4,000/-
- 5. An increase of \$ 2,000/- per month for work fund : \$ 2,000/-
- 6. F.C.R.A Number.

Lovingly in Christ,



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