

FRANKS PRAYER LETTER (JUNE-AUGUST 2011)

To, our dear churches, pastors & friends,

We go through fire and water, but the Lord keeps enlarging our work and influence. Jesus is altogether lovely. What a privilege to serve a living loving God. Every blessing and trial brings us closer to Him. We are thankful to you all for your prayer and faithful support.

Our bore-well went dry. Then God sent rain but the pump kept giving trouble. It is a little better now. We are facing a lot of water problems.

The College commenced on the 15th of July 2011. After much prayer we had a branch opened in Bangalore. There are 11 students in Bangalore and 8 students in Tirupattur making a total of 19. The college branch in Bangalore is mainly for working-class of people who desire to be trained in order to get into the Lord's ministry. The classes are from 6:00 pm. To 8:00 pm. Every 1st week of the month I spend that week with the students in Bangalore and on other days Pastor Adrian & Emma his wife (Both M.Div. graduates from our Seminary) take their subjects in the evenings. All students at present are from our church in Bangalore namely Olivet-Grace Baptist Church. The church is growing spiritually under the leadership of Pastor Adrian & Emma his wife.

In Tirupattur we have regular classes from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. On week days I take two classes in the evening, beginning at 5:00 pm. By the grace of God I am teaching 20 hrs. per week for which I am thankful to God, considering my physical condition.

My wife Molly is doing fine and is a great help to me in every way. She was detected with Helicobacter Pylorus. She had fainting spells, accompanied with stomach discomfort and extreme weakness. She is under treatment. My Parkinson disease keeps acting up. Sometime I feel so well, and other days very rigid and painful. Besides this, I have to cope up with my Heart problems, Diabetes, Hypertension. Thank you for praying for me and my wife.

Pastor Charles & Abigail (our son-in-law and daughter) are laboring with us in Tirupattur. They pastor the Tirupattur Baptist Church, teach in the Bible College and also do ministry in Kuramberi and Jawadhi Hills. Besides, he has the job of being my Secretary. They are giving all they have for the Lord.

As you know the leadership of the Grace Baptist School for the Hearing and Hearing Impaired is in the hands of Lena and Francis Newton (our son-in-law & daughter). We praise the Lord for them. We are facing great problems with the Tamil Nadu Government in getting our school recognized. We have been struggling for the past 5 years. When the elected parties change office, the laws also change. Being a Christian-school, they are not in favor of us. Though the school reopened on July 2011, the student's books were only provided by the government last week. Too much red-tape. Please pray

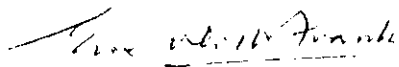
Kuramberi church building is still unfinished. We will need about \$3,000/- more. Finances are low (about 52%) but thank you for helping. Our financial condition is so low that unless, the Lord increases our "work fund" we may be forced to close down part of our work, which is very grievous.

Your giving has enabled us to live and do the work of the Lord. We are thankful to our Mission Board for lending help in time of dire need. We notice many of you have sacrificed for us. Thank you.

Three weeks ago our van met with a bad accident. Pastor Charles and three others were on their way to Kuramberi for the evening church service. We slowed down, while in front of us two motor-cycles collided with each other. The Bus from behind us could not stop quick enough and rammed into us. By the grace of God no one was badly injured. But the van was damaged both in the back and front. We had to struggle with the police and insurance office as there is scarcely any integrity in these people. The van is getting repaired, but the Insurance Company will pay only 50% of the damages. Without the van, we are really struggling for transportation. We need at least \$2,000/- to get the van back into original condition. If the Lord leads you to help in the repairs of our van, please contact my son, Steven Franks. The address is given at the end of the letter. Also please inform our Mission Board as well.

If you need to know more about us or our financial position, please contact my son Stephen Franks in Greenville, SC. Stephen's home #864-233-8574; Cell #864-567-1555 & e-mail: stevenfranks26@hotmail.com You can also contact us by phone in India at 011-91-4179-222988 or e-mail: daniel@lycos.com We work with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions (WWNTBM) and they can be contacted at 704-730-1440.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Eric W. Franks

PRAAYER REQUEST:

1. Spiritual revival
2. Medical needs
3. Increase in our support level
4. Funds for Kuramberi church building
5. Repair of our van, due to accident (\$2,000/-)