

THE FRANK'S PRAYER LETTER

(December/January 2012)

Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings to you from Tirupattur, India. So soon the year 2011 has come to an end. We wish you all belated happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. The LORD has been good. His compassions fail not. We stand amazed at God's faithfulness. When distress and anguish came upon us, He stood by us; when sickness and ill health came upon us, his comforts consoled us; when financial pressures came He supplied the necessary needs. He is altogether lovely and good. In spite of my Parkinson's disease and spondilitis, I have been able to carry on my work. I am experiencing to some extent the words of Paul, "When I am weak then I am strong." People have been saved and taught the Word of God. Believers have been drawn closer to Christ and others have been called into the ministry.

Please pray that Grace Baptist School for hearing and hearing Impaired will get government recognition as soon as possible. Every newly elected political party keep making changes in the requirements for recognition and we have to go from pillar to post seeking to please the authorities. We have tried for government recognition many times, but it has been delayed. Also please pray that, we find a proper substitute for Francis and Lena (Principal and Head Mistress) while they seek to come to U.S.A on deputation. Pray that they will be granted a Religious-workers Visa from the U.S.A embassy.

The School with its staff, the College and Seminary with its staff, the ministry in Bombay (three workers), church planting with evangelization in Jawadhi Hills etc. are all financed with one man's income i.e., mine. With our ill-health, medical needs have also gone up. Under these circumstances, it is imperative that Francis and Lena come to U.S.A and do deputation to increase the income. We have a total of 36 staff. Our Christian School is a charitable Institution. Most of the students in the Bible College and Seminary are on scholarship as they are from poor-burmese background.

The Kuramberi Church building is still incomplete. Due to inflation, we need another \$4000/- to complete it. The 4-wheel Jeep is back on the road after the accident. Thank you for helping us financially. The insurance helped us only with 33% of the total expenses due to depreciation, as the vehicle is more than 10 years old.

In our Christmas program at Tirupattur Baptist Church, we had many unbelievers (Hindus) attend the program and accept Christ as their Savior. We had children from surrounding villages in the program. This became a good avenue to reach parents and enhance our Christian influence. The Christmas programs in Bangalore i.e., at White Field Baptist Church and at Olivet-Grace Baptist Church went well and was a blessing. Our intention is not just to have a grand program and a good-time, but to reach people with the gospel.

Several people at Kuramberi and other places are ready for Baptism. We will be having a Baptism services very soon. People may in secret accept Christ, but to come out into the open and testify to be baptized is another matter for them.

Pray for our school children. We make sure every child is personally evangelized. Eighty percentage of the children are saved. They become greatly burdened for salvation of their parents and loved ones, to be saved. Oppositions against true believers are increasing through political parties.

Provided that the Visa is granted, Francis and Lena will be coming to U.S.A for deputation as they are new missionaries. My wife and I will be accompanying them. We will be very thankful if you could schedule them in your churches. We will be available for you during the months of April, May, June and July 2012. We seek your grace and help in this regard. Please fill up the enclosed form given for clarity.

As informed before, we have a branch of Calvary Baptist Bible College & Seminary in Bangalore at the premises of Olivet-Grace Baptist Church. Church members are attending these classes. Pastor Adrian Hendricks and his wife Emma are taking the leading role in this work. I take one week of classes every month in theology.

We are thankful to God for your support and prayers, without which we cannot continue the work. We thank you for your gracious and sacrificial giving for our work. So many of you have been sending us special designated gifts. We appreciate this so much as it helps make up for lack of funds needed in the work.

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: stephenfranks26@hotmail.com You can also contact us by phone in India at 011-91-4179-222988 or e-mail: dreicf@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

PRAYER REQUEST:

1. Spiritual revival
2. Medical needs
3. Increase in our support level
4. Funds for Kuramberi church building
5. Tyres for our Van \$,400/-