

Blessed...Matthew 5:2-11

August/September 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from wintery Mauritius.

The word *blessed* is the first recorded word of Jesus' public ministry. He desires for the citizens of His kingdom - blessedness, happiness. This comes to us through some character traits that come with a change of heart and a change of kingdom. The kingdom of God will always clash with the kingdom of this world. The poor in spirit, the pure in heart, the meek, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, the merciful, and the peacemakers are born again people swimming upstream. The apostle Paul puts it this way ... these are contrary... (Gal. 5:17) In these perilous times, the liberty to proclaim who we are is being taken from us and opposition to Christ and the Gospel grows, let us not lose heart. Let us be faithful in our proclamation of the Gospel. Let us remember of the promise of the one who desires blessedness for us: "I have overcome the world."

We are thankful for the liberty that we have to preach the Gospel. However, more and more we sense a growing opposition to the Biblical Christ. People's hearts are getting harder and harder to the true Gospel. Hindus, Moslems, Catholics are falling more and more into the darkness of their ways. Regardless of the contrasting condition and the opposing disposition of people, we are thankful that the Gospel is still the only power of God unto salvation.

It has blessed our hearts to see the Lord at work. Please pray for these requests.

- Perry and Jocelyne and family testified that the Gospel is working for them.
- Benoit, a middle age man embedded in Catholicism, opened himself to Christ.
- A possible trip to Reunion, a French territory 120 east of Mauritius, for building up the saints and evangelism.
- Pray for a growing interest in Madagascar. The last mission trip was for teaching and training national pastors.
- Pray for my elder sister, Maude, who is very sick. It is a great consolation to us that she is saved. Pray for her children and extended family that are still unbelievers.

Our family is doing fine by the grace of God. Tim and Daisy are fully involved in their church ministry to the west of Mauritius. Pascal and Becky are such a blessing to the Victory Baptist and to us. Matthew and Hilary are very busy teaching at a Christian School and ministering to children and families with social impediments. Lionel and Grace will be visiting us shortly. Pray for their ministry to our community. Their visit will be a grand reunion for our family. The last time we were together was 11 years ago in 2005!!!

Dear praying friends, I wish to once again to convey to you our appreciation for your faithfulness to the Lord in your faithful support over the years. We pray this day that you will experience all the weight and joy of the word *blessed* from the mouth of our Lord Jesus.

Your missionaries,

Guy and Marilynne Grenade
I Corinthians 9:16