

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Dear Friend:

You are blessed to be a blessing – did you know that? What you may not know is that the blessing was delivered 4,000 years ago in Iraq! A nomadic livestock farmer named Abram (later renamed Abraham) had an encounter with God and God gave Abram 5 promises within a promise.

The promises unfold in Genesis 12:2-4. First, God promises to make Abram into a great nation (Israel). Second, Abram was promised that his name would be made great – and it was. Third, Abram was promised that he would be a blessing. He was and still is. Fourth, God promised Abram that he personally would be blessed. God gave Abram family and financial blessing. Fifth, God promised Abram that through him all peoples on earth would be blessed – they have been and continue to be.

How are we still blessed 4,000 years later? How are all people on earth blessed through Abram? Very simple: Jesus, the Messiah was born through the lineage of Abram. By accepting Jesus, the Messiah, we have the greatest blessing of all – eternal life. Here's the "Blessed to be a blessing" part: We are to tell others that Jesus has blessed us with eternal life, that's how you pass – on the blessing. While you're at it don't forget to bless people in other ways - emotionally, materially, financially, etc.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

BIG NEWS: Miss church Sunday? You can now catch the sermon on the church website: www.franklinub.org, go to "Sermons & Newsletters."

Prayer Requests: Cindy Wagman, nose surgery, Roland Majors, colon cancer, Milton & Erica Pacheco (missionaries)

Events: Thursday March 12, 11:30 am Women's Fellowship Luncheon & Meeting
Sunday, 10:15 am 10 minute personal missions video