



# What's Happening With The Fountains?

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**Praise:** Great turnout for our Christmas services.

### Prayer Points:

- That the unbelievers who attended our Christmas services would respond to the Gospel.
- That our support would be sufficient to cover our rent increase.
- For our van repairs to be completed quickly and inexpensively
- For God to keep the door open for missionaries to minister in Russia.

## January 2008

### Indians for Thanksgiving

*What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than to invite Indians to join you. Okay, our guests were actually from India, but details aren't important.* I have discovered that the traditional Turkey dinner is a treat even for those from very



Indians for Thanksgiving

different cultures. We were all stuffed along with the turkey and had a great time of fellowship. We also got together with some other missionary families to celebrate and have some "American" time.

### Christmas for Indians

*Every Christmas we have an evangelistic outreach event on the campus of the Indian Medical Institute where we hold weekly Bible studies.* This year around 80 non-Christian students turned out to hear the Christmas story from the Bible. Our Christian Student Movement sang Carols, read the Bible story from Scripture and invited other students to come to our Bible study in the dorms. I was very excited for



Indian Student Choir

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY REPORT

the opportunity to preach about Jesus to such a large group of Hindu and Muslim college students. Amazingly, many of them thanked us and expressed how much they enjoyed the event. Please pray that they will visit our meeting and respond to the gospel.

### Don't Forget the Russians

*We also held a special Christmas service at Church complete with Christmas songs, a children's play, and a fellowship.* Our members invited friends and family and our meeting hall was packed (several of us ended up standing for the entire service). As always, we



Christmas Services



thank God for every open door to share His Word with those who don't know it. Our visitors not only heard the gospel but most of them stayed to fellowship long after the services were over. Please pray that God's Word would sink deep into their hearts to draw and convict them.

### The GREAT FLOOD!

*I don't want you to get the impression that everything went off without a hitch. During the week leading up to our Christmas service the sewer clogged and overflowed into our church THREE TIMES!* With much to be done in preparation for our Russian and Indian services, as well as a fellowship for our language students, we ended up cleaning sewage out of the office for two days. I will not force you to look at the photos, but trust me when I say, it was not a pretty sight.

### Special Prayer Needs

*In December our rent was increased from \$1000 to \$1400 a month.* It was shock to us, but the reality is that this is a great deal in the Russian market. Please pray that our support would cover this increased expense each month.

*I recently discovered that my gear box and radiator on my van need to be replaced.* Parts for my van are expensive and must be ordered from Korea so this will be a very expensive hassle. Pray that we can resolve it quickly and inexpensively.

*Russia announced new visa laws that may hinder missionaries like us from staying in the country for more than three months.* It is still unclear if these laws will affect western missionaries, but please pray that God would keep the door open to minister here.

Thank you all for your support!

Your Partners,

*Shaye, Lisa and Kids*