



# What's Happening With The Fountains?

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**Praise:** God provided all the funds to cover our end-of-year expenses.

### Prayer Points:

- That our monthly support would be sufficient to cover those expenses this year.
- For our family as we get settled back in to life, school, and ministry.
- For our street evangelism, language classes, and Indian Bible study.

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### The Journey

*We made it to St. Petersburg!!! Hooray! But the long journey back had a few "bumps" along the way.*

**Bump 1:** On the way to the airport, Chase got a huge wad of gum stuck in her hair. We were rescued by some kind hair dressers with a jar of



Chase after gum removal

peanut butter. **Bump 2:** We only had one hour to change planes in Washington, DC and our flight arrived late. Just like in the movies, we were sprinting through the airport with bags draped over our shoulders, dodging all the "walkers", trying to get to our gate on time. We JUST made it onboard before they closed the gate. **Bump 3:** None of us could sleep on the planes so by the time we reached St. Petersburg we were all completely wiped out. As we began our final descent, I sat in a half-conscious state with Zane and Chase by my side. Zane suddenly began vomiting all over himself. So instead of being buckled in with our seats and tray tables in the upright position, Zane and I were in a tiny bathroom, bouncing off the walls, trying to change his clothes without making a bigger mess. **Bump 4:** And what should we find when we finally get to baggage claim? You guessed it... No bags. Not exactly the best trip we've ever had. But

we are so glad to finally be here, and we thank God every day for bringing us safely back.

### Glorious Baggage Claim

**Wondering what happened to our bags? I'm glad you asked.** I found out the next day that our tardy bags had arrived, but that we had exceeded our permissible weight (for baggage, that is) and our bags were held up in customs. I've dealt with customs before and it's serious business. So we arrived at the airport wondering if we would have to pay a hefty fine, and just praying that God would do something amazing for us to tell others about. After being shown our bags we were asked to bring them to an x-ray machine. They scanned them, had us fill out a customs form, and the customs agents began discussing the problem. We just stood their waiting to see what God would do. We had already determined that if God wanted us to have them He would work it out. Without ever asking us a single question, the agent finally turned and said "You can take your bags now" and she walked off. We just stood there stunned. Not only had God worked it out, but we never even said a word to help. Yes, He is the God over Russian Customs, too!



Free Bags!

### Back To Work

*Jetlag is for sissies. Okay, I'm a sissy. But that didn't stop me from diving back in to ministry.* Our first week back, my partner Kevin and I took Craton and another teenage boy out for some street evangelism. I was not prepared for the bitter cold I experienced. I was shivering and my fingers went numb, but we all had a great time on the street and some hot tea at McDonald's afterwards. The next night I was teaching English at our office where we have evangelistic language



English Lessons & Indian Bible Study



lessons. We had church on Sunday morning and that evening Kevin and I visited the Indian Medical students to discuss the beginning of another year of Bible Study. For most of the week we have drifted in and out of sleep, but we are all almost acclimated and it is great to be back in the field.

### Keep The Prayers Comin'

Thank you for keeping this ministry and our family before God on a regular basis. Your prayers give us strength.

Your Partners,

*Shaye, Lisa and Kids*