



Asian Indian Ministry

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Christmas for non-Christians: Bethesda Telugu Church invited their Hindu friends and Muslim friends to our Christmas Worship and dinner on December 25, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Two Muslim



Two Muslim families are at the Christmas dinner

families, three Hindu families and five cab drivers participated and enjoyed our fellowship. Pastor Katari gave the Christmas message that Jesus Christ was born in this world two thousand years ago to save all people of this world from sinful nature and from condemnation. Those who believe in Him have Salvation to go to the heaven. At the time of dinner, Pastor Katari gave New Testaments in Urdu language to the Muslim families and Telugu and English Bibles to the Hindu families and other cab drivers. Mrs. Katari presented them Christmas gifts.

Christ was given as a gift from God: Many non-Christians do not understand why Christians give gifts to each other. Mrs. Mamatha Katari explained to the Hindu and Muslim friends who attended our Christmas Day program that Jesus Christ was given by God as a gift to all people of the world to die for their sins on the Cross. It was the first time for some of them to have this experience to be in a Church worship, receiving gifts on Christmas Day. And also she invited them to our Church worship. They are willing to worship and listen about the Bible and God. Our Church members were very happy for their presence and they praised God for His guidance.



Pastor Katari was giving a New Testament to a Hindu friend who attended our Christmas dinner and Mrs. Katari was presenting him a gift.

Christmas Carols: According to our Indian Christian tradition, Wesley Chicago-Lutheran Church, Forest Park, IL, visited many Telugu Christian families the entire night, Saturday, December 23, 2006.



Christmas carols in a Christian family.

They visited many suburbs like, Skokie, Des Plaines, Oak Park, Forest Park, Boling brook and Lake in the Hills. Many of the families, which they visited, are un-Churched. So they invited them to attend the Christmas, New Year services and regular Sunday worship. Moreover, Bethesda Telugu Church members also did the same thing on Saturday, December 16, 2006 on the North side of Chicago. Pastor Katari's family also participated with them and encouraged them. The kids and adults enjoyed singing the carols that whole night.

Prayer Meeting: On Saturday, December 10, 2006, a Bethesda Telugu Church member, Mr. Raju invited his neighboring Hindu families for a prayer meeting in his home. One family attended along with our Church members. Pastor Katari led this meeting and preached the Word of God. Soon after that worship this Hindu family asked Pastor Katari and Church members to pray for a sick person who is in India now. And, they wanted to know more about Jesus Christ. They asked us to sing more Christian songs that night. After that, they attended the Christmas worship and received a copy of the Bible in Telugu language. Asian Indian Ministry is reaching many Hindu families by inviting them to family prayers and Bible Study group.



Pastor Katari is leading a family prayer while a Hindu family is attending.

Your prayerful support to Asian Indian Ministry makes a difference in reaching both Hindu and Muslim Indian immigrants in the Chicago area where more than 300,000 Indians are living. We are planning to reach more than 5000 non-Christians in the year 2007. We reached 3000 non-Christians last year 2006 by inviting them to family prayers and Bible study groups. We need more New Testaments in Telugu, Urdu, Hindi, Gujarat and English languages. Please continue your support and send your checks to:

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