

# Bridges Bulletin



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## Aashay

One student who I have gotten to know well this year is Aashay - a graduate student from India who has been involved with Bridges for at least three years now. This semester we have been meeting each week to study the Bible. He has become a good friend and I believe he really enjoys our times together, as I do. He is a very good English speaker with an excellent vocabulary, so there has been very little language barrier. I have really enjoyed learning from him about India, the Indian culture and Hindu religion.

Aashay is very bright (translated: I'm way out of my intellectual class with him). He is constantly asking very good questions, for many of which I have no ready answers, so I make a list and attempt to answer them the following time we meet.

He has admitted that he does not believe in the Hindu gods, and that many others have the same view point - there is the Hindu religion and the Hindu culture. He goes along with the religious culture when he is home, just because of tradition, not faith. He does believe in spirituality, though, and we are going through a Bible study together.

In a recent Bible study session one of the reflection questions was this: "Driving into a large city, we can usually spot the tallest buildings first. From a distance they appear small, but when we drive past them they are like giants towering over us. This is a matter of perspective. The closer we are to something, the larger it appears. How close are you to God?" Aashay's response - "I am in the city."

My friends, Aashay is very close to a personal relationship with God. He has heard clear gospel presentations numerous times in the three years he has been involved with Bridges and realizes that his understanding has made him accountable to God for his sin. **Please pray earnestly with me that whatever barrier is keeping him from stepping over the line into the Kingdom of God would be broken down, soon.**



Aashay (with glasses) at this year's Winter Conference



Moving furniture into the new Bridges Clubhouse

## New Meeting Place

This week we had our first Bridges meeting in our new building, just a couple of blocks from campus. Cru has owned a residence here for several decades, and the renovation of the building in the large back yard has just been finished.

## Sheila's New Job

Sheila is moving from being Children's Director at our church to Marketing Director at a local Chick-fil-A. A fun twist is that our daughter, Hannah, will be training her. I am now the only one in our family who hasn't worked there.