



It had been years of sharing the Gospel with no sign of interest. A polite, 'no thanks' was the response. But the sound of an upbeat band coming from India to the USA opened a door. The 'no thank yous' became 'sounds interesting'. A spark of energy started to emanate across our Indian brothers and sisters. The Holy Spirit was working.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Indians came from all over the Bay Area and the west coast to praise the Lord with the Yeshua band. The songs were upbeat and worshipful, sung in Hindi and English. After all was said and done, 400 people entered the sanctuary, some Christian, some not, but everyone left with the message that what we Lutherans truly believe, namely Jesus gives grace to the outcast, the sinner, the loser.

At the end of the night, conversations continued with the non-Christian brothers and sisters. What did you think about the message? The music? This Jesus? Jesus was the center and Jesus continued to be the center of the conversation. Praise the Lord for the Yeshua Band who was able to build relationships with Indians around the Bay.

The Indian leadership team did an excellent job putting on the concert and have confidence to continue the ministry. Two specific future plans are made. 1) A reoccurring Indian small group including fellowship, devotion and certainly delicious food. 2) A connection with 2 local unattached Indian fellowships have been made and we will foster the relationship with their spiritual leader and people.

God is working! Pray that the Indian leadership team continues with the humble, energetic approach for reaching the world with the Gospel.