

# Berlinprojekt-info

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

The first two months of 2006 have been a good start for us into this year. The most exciting thing of the last months has been to see two of our friends, **Simone and Ariane**, become Christians a couple of weeks ago. Both would tell you that the Berlinprojekt – people in the community and the worship services – awoke their spiritual interest and encouraged them to search for God. Recently they shared about their brand-new faith in our worship service, which was an authentic and touching



moment for all of us. Especially for Simone this service was a special one because she took the Lord's Supper for the first time that Sunday... For us it is an amazing experience to witness their development and to be so closely involved in it. We have been realizing again: for a person that had no background with Christianity – like Simone – to suddenly be fully involved with it means a dramatic change that will create strong internal reactions: a realization of God's holiness and of God's love and especially a concern for their non-Christian friends have been very real and very intense experiences for both of them. It motivates many of us here to grasp again how personal and meaningful the gospel really is.

We are very happy to see our still very new **worship service stabilizing**, both in numbers as well as in terms of the community and content. Over the last few weeks more than 70 people attended, which has been very encouraging. With this size we turn an important corner since the feel of the community really changes with that amount of people in the room. Now the

community starts to develop its own dynamic and things are getting out of our (Kosta's and my) hands, in a good sense... In connection to this we introduced **a new organizational structure** last week that takes away responsibility and work from Kosta's and my shoulders and creates concrete, meaningful opportunities for others to help out. To see so many people being excited about the church and many people being motivated to help out we are constantly motivated us to go ahead and try new ideas and initiatives.

For this year we want to continue to dream and trust big, so to speak. At the beginning of last year, with only 9 people besides Kosta and me, we had the big vision of starting a new church within only one year... And God actually put it together

in spite of our limited abilities. The question is: when God already did that, starting out with so little, how much bigger should we dream and plan for this year – now that we have 60 people every week?! My wish for our community remains to move ahead with the same enthusiasm and trust as we did last year. After all we barely made our first baby steps with the first regular service only 4 months ago. For this year specifically we plan to start special evangelistic home fellowship groups, install a home fellowship group system with ongoing training and continue to stabilize and grow our service.



At a recent volunteer gathering

We would love to continue to be connected with you in this work to see where God is leading us from the first start he made...

## Please pray with us:

- For a stable and suitable venue to have our services in as our current one will soon not be available anymore
- Please pray for a continuing desire to be relevant for and close to our friends and neighbors, instead of becoming content with what God has give us
- Please pray for strength and power for Kosta and me as we are often challenged by the workload and responsibility
- For continuing financial support as Kosta and I are back in the U.S. in March to meet with supporters and friends
- And for a solid core of stable people, who have been believer for a while and are able to lead others, who have stable job situations and a long-term perspective in the city...

Thank you very much! Many greetings,  
Christian and Konstantin

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