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Happy Holidays/Merry Christmas! I was feeling kind of blue yesterday but was immediately cheered up by phone calls, emails, texts and Facebook messages from friends and family. It really made my day!

Below is the Christmas display in a mall I went to with Rama. More snow than in NY! Later I enjoyed playing Scrabble with Rama (and Billa who joined her for awhile).



In the morning we had fresh coconut from the vendor who comes by everyday – you can see his bicycle pushcart full of coconuts and Ravi enjoying one on the front porch swing.



In the evening, Ravi and I went to a flute concert to hear Shashank (a virtuoso who was a child prodigy when we first heard him) at The Music Academy, a venerable institution in Chennai hosting its 89th annual concert series this year. Ravi bought two season tickets and he and Appa have gone almost every day. I'll go again tomorrow to hear Sanjay, a mellifluous tenor who I heard first as a young man some twenty years ago.



Yesterday, we went shopping for sari's – gifts for Lakshmi and Lalita and Ravi's aunt. It's so much fun to look at all the wonderful colors and patterns in silk and cotton. We sit on stools and point to what we want to see and the man rolls it out for us, until the floor is covered with gorgeous fabrics and colors.



More photos and descriptions to come in future journals! Love, Lee

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