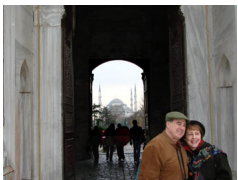


Most recent IDC intercultural trip to Turkey took place between December 28, 2008 and January 7, 2009. The group had opportunity to visit some schools, see many historical sites, have dinner with local families, etc. They got to know the Turkish culture very closely. Some of the important sites visited included Hagia Sophia, Ahrida Synagogue, Ephesus, Blue Mosque, House of Virgin Mary, underground city and carved chapels in Cappadocia. The cities that were included on the trip were Istanbul, Bursa, Izmir, Antalya, Konya and Cappadocia.

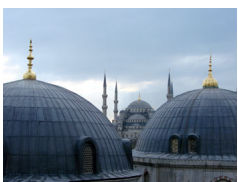
Some pictures of this wonderful experience:



Outside Dolmabahçe Palace



At the gate of Topkapi Palace



Blue Mosque as seen through the windows of Hagia Sophia



Topkapi Palace



Yash Museum



Zaman Newspaper



Ephesus, Izmir



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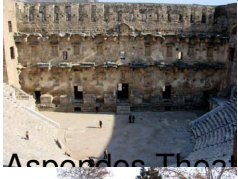
Family Dinner



Group picture



With student in Antalya



Aspendos Theatre, Antalya



Camel ride in Antalya



Tolerance Garden, Antalya



A sunny day in Antalya



Taurus mountains



es, Konya



Capadocia



ue, Istanbul



Mr. Yusuf Sa, General Patriarchal Vicar, Syrian Catholic Church in Turkey



Family Dinner in Istanbul



A private school in Bursa



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At the airport, before departure for the US