



the Gates family



Missionaries to the Arabs of America in

Dearborn

Michigan

"And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee...fear not, neither be dismayed" Deuteronomy 31:8

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Praise the LORD that He lets us proclaim His name for His glory. These last months of 2023 have been a blessing to us and to others. Thanks so much for serving with us in the work of Christ this last year. We look forward to what God is going to do for His name in 2024!

God Is Working!!

"What you all are doing for the community is really good." A Muslim lady said after the Fall Festival. At the end of October, we did our annual Fall Festival. Hundreds came out to join us and they also heard the Gospel. The Lord let me proclaim Christ publicly 4 times in English and Arabic. Thousands of invitations were given out and Bibles were distributed. Many heard God's word and we pray for fruit for His glory.

"The layers of doubt are slowly getting taken away." A Muslim woman told Beth. After the Christ Is Messiah Conference in September, a young Muslim woman started visiting regularly. She was touched by the conference and now she comes each Sunday. She also meets with Beth for hours and asks great questions. We know Christ is seeking to save her. Pray!

"I need to get baptized," Hussein said. This young man came to the Christ Is Conference and has started coming to our Bible study. We met him and his family at our park outreach years ago. He asked about baptism, so I am going over lessons about core beliefs to make sure he understands basic Bible doctrines. He and his wife were Muslims, but then they came to the Lord. Now they want to grow in the faith!

"I needed to hear your testimony. This is from God." Amer's wife said. We had a Christmas party at our home and Amer came with his Muslim wife. Also, Hussein and his wife, Marwa came. The ladies sat at the table eating and talking. The Lord led Marwa to share how she got saved. Amer's wife attentively listened. When everyone left, the Lord opened a door for us to talk to her about Christ. She read the Gospel of John and talked about her favorite account of Christ with the woman caught in adultery. God is drawing her closer, keep her in prayer.

God continues using us at the Henry Ford College. It has been a blessing serving alongside Beth there because all the children are now in school. Our Muslim students seem to be listening more instead of arguing quite as much. Beth continues witnessing to some girls and was able to go to an activity with several Muslim students. We stay in contact with these students and will meet with them before the next semester starts. Pray the Lord pierces their hearts with the Light of the World. It was also great to take part at Silvery Lane Baptist Church Winter Revival. I got to preach and lead pastors in the Dead Church Tour. These were once churches but are now mosques and temples. The trip is convicting and shows the need.

"The Local Church is Vital to World Missions!" I preached in VA. The Lord let me preach at two churches. I visited Fairview Baptist Church Chesapeake VA and Hampton Roads Independent Baptist in Hampton VA. This is where I was raised at, so I was able to spend time with my sister Diana for Thanksgiving. What a great opportunity to encourage churches, family, and friends. Also, keep Pastor Girgis in prayer as the year ends for the work in Egypt. He just told me four people made professions of faith!!!

The Lord used the Christ Is Conference mightily here. Pastor Josh Levesque and I are starting a podcast dealing with some of the questions Muslims ask and will lead up to the next Christ is the Word Conference October 2-4! We would love to have you visit to help pass out 10,000 John and Romans prior to the conference and to sponsor this great event prayerfully and financially. You can view the content of this last conference www.youtube.com/@ChristIsConference

Think On These Things

It is so easy to look at the chaos in the Middle East and to be filled with sadness, anger, bitterness, and pain. Let us remember that Christ is still King, and we have the Word of God and the Holy Spirit empowering us to make a difference. Pray God gives opportunities to show His love for His glory.

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that in all things He might have the preeminence. Colossians 1:18

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