



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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Dear Friends in the Ministry of Reconciliation,

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to use us for His name. Thank you all so much for faithfully praying for us and supporting us in so many ways. We pray the Lord continually uses you for His glory where you are and to touch nations.

Great Opportunities for His Glory

Just before the New Year, we had our annual Christmas Party at our home. The Lord once again softened the heart of a Muslim family that came and Amer's wife, as well. It was a sweet time of giving and as I shared the Word of God, the lost and saved listened intently. Amer's wife faithfully came to church, but work is making it tough. She read several books I gave her, and she still is open to the Gospel! Keep praying!

"I can explain to you the why of the Godhead (Trinity)." The Lord continually uses us at the HFC college ministry. This young Muslim student doesn't understand the Trinity, so I share with Him the love of God. The students come twice weekly, and it will really open doors as we go outside where others will come seeking truths of the Christ. What a blessing that so many come and hear His Word! On a sad note, a young girl that left Islam and said she got saved, now befriended a false Jehovah Witness. Now she says she doesn't believe Jesus is God. Pray for these two students that faithfully come, to know the Sufficient Savior.

"Why can't I believe in Jesus and Mohammed?" A young Muslim woman asked. We met this woman months ago at the bookbag giveaway. She promised to come, and she finally came to a candlelight service with her husband and two kids. She then came to our Bible Study and asked the question above. I shared with her the wonder of Jesus throughout the Bible. She is curious and plans to come back this upcoming week. God brings other visitors, as well.

"You are a love gift from the Father." I preached at Lighthouse Baptist Church of Dawsonville Mission Conference. Joshua also came. The Lord let me go to LBC, a dear church family where I trained under Pastor Blackstock. I preached five different times and shared my testimony in one of their high school classes. What a blessed time to serve and also see family! Also, I was able to preach at Fairfax Baptist Temple. It was great seeing old friends and making new ones. A family at Fairfax does a podcast and they will have me on to share my testimony and the work with Muslims.

"Get away from me, I don't know you!" A drug addicted girl said. One of our members has a drug addicted daughter. We went there and prayed with her daughter and she started nodding out because she used heroin when we got there. Now she is in rehab, but we pray she gets saved and starts coming to hear God's word.

The believers in our study are growing and are getting more rooted in the Gospel. The Lord uses the Christ Is Podcast and now we will also do a Christ Is Conference in New York. A dear friend of mine, Jon Canavan asked us to come and do the conference there. We will be doing the conference in Queens, right near Little Egypt. Also, there is a deep population of Bengali and Afghan Muslims. We are also developing a discipleship curriculum that uses the conference to reach and teach Muslims. God still works in Egypt as I work with Pastor Girgis. Pastor Girgis preached on a Christian TV Station there and will use these messages on the website my friend Bro Bill put together.

Family Matters

We celebrated Emma's 11th birthday! Sandy's birthday is this month. Noah is doing great in school and in basketball. Joshua is doing great, but always has challenges. Beth is discipling the ladies. What a blessing to serve Jesus together! Also, pray for our Muslim friends in their Holy Month of Ramadan. Thanks again for everything.

For the Christ,

David and Beth
Joshua, Sandy, Emma and Noah
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that in all things He might have the preeminence. Colossians 1:18

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