



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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Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
John 8:31-32

The Lord is good and faithful at all times. He cannot be unfaithful. We thank Him so much for opening up doors of utterance for His name's sake. We pray the seeds of God's word will continue to flourish for His glory. Praise the Lord for your faithful support of us in so many ways.

Opportunities for His name

"My "Christian" friend says Jesus is not God, but the will of God." My friend said. The man God is letting me disciple is continually attacked from friends and family as he left Islam to follow Christ. He also has professing Christians attacking sound doctrine. It blesses me to see him growing in the faith and still plans to follow the Lord in believer's baptism on Easter. He is going to invite his family and we pray to see them know Him. We will have food and fellowship after the service with his family.

"You can know Christ, who is our life." I taught the youth at a nearby Chinese Church. Youth Pastor Cendal heard of the work in Dearborn and wanted to encourage the youth to have a heart for missions. It was a blessing to have this unique opportunity. After the service, we went to get some supper at a nearby Hamburger 1 restaurant. When Joshua gave a tract to a man named Mostafa from Yemen. Mostafa said, "I know you! You came to my house to tell us about your learning center on Silvery Lane." Although I was 45 minutes away from our Learning Center, this man that lived right next to where the church is, remembered us and received the gospel from us at least two times. Pray for these teens to follow Christ and for Mostafa to come to Christ.

"God uses the most difficult circumstances for His glory." Pastor Chris Mavin gave me the opportunity to teach students at Livingston Christian School. The high school students were studying about Christian persecution and Issues in society. The Lord let me share about our time in Egypt and here in Dearborn. One student already started learning Arabic and Chinese and desires to serve Christ on the mission field. Pray the Lord uses each of the students to spread the name of Jesus.

"I remember you from the Fall Festival!" Bader, a Muslim friend from Jordan said. We went as a family to visit homes and then went to the park, where we saw several Muslim families. We passed out some Arabic John/Romans. When I handed one to a Muslim couple, they remembered us from our fall event in October. I looked over and they were intently reading God's word. I called and he needs prayer for his mother in Jordan that's in the hospital. I then saw Gus, a Lebanese man I witnessed to months before. I gave him another gospel tract. I have also been connecting with Mohammed in Egypt through WhatsApp conversation. Pastor Girgis in Egypt is seeing visitors every week! The work grows as they lift up Jesus!

Pray for a Building and the need here

It grieves our hearts to see another independent Baptist church shutting down in the Dearborn area. This once again shows the dire need here. We have the opportunity to receive this building from this church. The building holds approximately 100 people and is ready to be used for the church we'd like to see established. They have to sell the place and give the money to a non-profit or they can give the building away. They are impressed by the work we want to do, and they want the church building to be used to see a like-minded work continue there. If they put it on the market for sale, any group including Muslims, could purchase the place. Please pray for us to receive this building.

Family Matters

We celebrated Sandy's 11th birthday and we appreciate the BDay wishes and cards. Beth and Joshua's health are steadily improving, and it has been a blessing making visits as a family. Pray as we work together to see His work accomplished!

For the Christ,

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

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