



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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**Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
Mark 16:15**

We have a world that is in need. People still live in fear and anger. They're looking for something to believe in. Praise the Lord, we have been able to share Christ with so many for His name. Thank you so much for loving us and supporting us.

Being a Blessing

"What you all are doing here is awesome!" A Muslim woman happily said. Wow! What an amazing time we had for our Spring Fun Festival! We had over 400 people from the community come! We gave out so many Arabic Bibles and many came and took gospel tracts and invitations to our Bible study. I preached 3 English/Arabic salvation messages and I saw the interest in their eyes. As I walked amongst the people, I was able to teach what the Bible said about Jesus. I also met an Egyptian family, and we plan to meet soon. Beth worked so hard with preparations at the festival. She will also meet for tea with a Muslim woman that came to the event. I also answered questions for a married couple that talked with us for several minutes. There are many other stories. It was great to see the success of the festival with many pitching in so hundreds could see the love of Christ.

"God is going to use this to reach our community." Pastor Staub of Silvery Lane excitedly said. We are blessed to have this church behind us. We would not be where we are at now without their help. On Sunday night, Pastor Staub preached a short message, we prayed for the community and then the whole church went out on visitation to give out flyers for the event. We went out week after week and passed out over 7000 door hangers and put some in local restaurants. We also went to parks to give them out to those there. We even had a couple of volleyball events where we were able to give passersby invitations. Bro Mario, SLBC assistant pastor, drove the bus as we went out. What an encouragement to see many excited to help spread the name of Jesus! They've gone above and beyond to help us.

Amer, the ex-Muslim man I have been teaching faithfully comes to the church. He is hungry to learn, and he keeps me on my toes with all his questions! This past week he brought his young son to the church. His family also came to the festival. What a blessing to see them come to hear about Jesus together. It was also great building relationships with Muslim friends during Ramadan as also our friends in Egypt did the same. We thank the Lord for the continual growth of the work there.

"We need laborers to help the Gates in Dearborn!" Sister Deborah said. Deborah served with us as an intern in Egypt. She was deeply moved by the need here and the openness of the people. She was greatly used to build relationships with many at the festival. We will follow up with those she met. Bro Bill Flowers promoter of our ministry through website, Jon Canavan family missionaries to NY, and others that came in from out of town helped immensely. We also thank Engage My Church and Sonlight Designs for the work they did with design.

"The church building sold to an Arab Event company." My friend Chris said. Unfortunately, the building we were raising money for sold. We saw the potential and hoped to get it, but trust God will provide something better. We still are raising money for the soon to be home of our church. Many have already given, and we pray to see much more come in for this vital need. Pray and give so the gospel can be spread to this needy area. You can click the link below and label it Gates Building fund or send checks to Macedonia World Baptist Missions, address below.

Family Matters

It was bittersweet celebrating Mother's Day, as my mother passed away this past year. It was good remembering her Christ like ways she taught us as we grew up. Yet, it was sweet to celebrate this important day with my lovely wife that is such an amazing mother and wife. I am truly blessed!

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

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