



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

Dearest Friends

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What a fun and busy time we have had these past couple of months. We have been reaching out to the Arab community and have been working setting up our new home. We thank you all so much for faithfully supporting and helping us as we do His will here in Dearborn.

Great Opportunities

"They say they follow God, yet they hurt and kill." My Iraqi friend said. When I met a man in the park, I told him that I am a follower of Jesus and what we are doing. I told him about Egypt and some of the terror experiences that happened while we were there. He then shared his disdain for those who say they are Muslim, yet kill others. I gave him an Arabic John/Romans. Praying God uses this for His name. God lets me, witness, to Muslims and others continually. I am able to follow up with them by phone and met some, as well. Pray for these to respond to the gospel. Pray also as we have our Arabic/English Fall Festival October 16. We had hundreds of Arabs come out the last time we did this festival. Many heard God's word.

"I told my cousin that he needs to come to church with me." Amer happily said. Amer is growing in the faith through Bible study and reading. I have him reading several foundational books and then we go over highlights from them. He has been witnessing to his cousin and he says that what he hears makes sense. Pray for his cousin's salvation. Bro Bill Flowers and Marwan work with me to see an important evangelistic website established to the Egyptians. We work with Pastor Girgis in Egypt and we see the excitement as we are putting finishing touches on the site. The work continues to grow and move forward for the name of Christ. It is exciting to hear of the growth of the believers while new visitors flow in.

"Salvation is by grace and not of your works." I shared with an Egyptian woman in the hospital. Pastor Mike Ascher of Good News Baptist in Chesapeake VA called and told me of an Egyptian woman in their church. I was able to Facetime with her mother that was near death and share the gospel with her. Pastor Ascher is following up with her and the family to make sure they are saved and disciplined in the faith.

"We need to build a relationship and boldly preach Christ." I taught. Missionary Keith Shumaker of Burkina Faso called me to participate in a church planting camp. Brother James Ruckman of Ghana, Keith and I worked together to share biblical principles of church planting with several families that attended. Brother Duane Moore also encouraged us with Bible Preaching! It was encouraging and helpful to me as I taught and gleaned from these men of God.

The Lord gave other opportunities these past months. I met through zoom conferences with missionaries and churches. God let us help a new church plant in Dearborn. What a blessing to see others wanting to spread the gospel here.

Family Matters

We closed on our new home and finally moved in! Beth's dad came along with my sister to visit and her mom, Sue came to help setup. We are making new friends and pray the Lord uses us to show them Christ. We also celebrated Joshua and Noah's Birthdays.

Think On These Things

The need in Afghanistan is great. We thank the Lord for Brother Michael Germi that teaches the gospel to many through the internet. Now some are being saved! We hear that some Afghanis will move here to Dearborn. Pray the Lord uses this opportunity to see some come to Him.

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Phil 1:20-21

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

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