



# 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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Dearest Friends and Followers of Christ,

Happy New Year! It is a blessing to see what new things the Lord has for us this year. It's great to look back to see what He has done and to look ahead and pray for greater works to be accomplished. We thank you all for standing next to us through your prayers and faithful support! We stand next to you in the battle for souls and we pray God uses us to see Him magnified.

### New Opportunities for His Glory

"Can you tell me about the cross?" I asked a Muslim leader. Brother Michael Germi, an ex-Muslim follower of Christ, and I met with my Muslim friend that came to our home for Christmas. He brought a leader of the mosque with him. We had a 3-hour discussion about the Bible and Quran. At the end, I asked the above question about the cross and then shared the love of God for sinners. Muslims believe Allah changed the face of the one on the cross to look like Jesus, but it wasn't Christ. I shared that Christ had to die for their sins. Please keep my dear friends in prayer.

"Does God love you?" I asked and every Afghani in the room nodded no. What a blessing it was to minister to Afghani refugees with Pastor Josh Levesque of Dearborn Baptist Church and Brother Germi. God gave me the opportunity to preach through an interpreter the last day of an evangelistic conference to Afghani refugees. I taught through John 3-4 about the need for the deeply religious to be born again and for the deeply sinful to be saved. I gave out some English tracts because a few spoke English. A young man took a picture of the English tract, used google translate and read the tract to his father and friends. The gospel was proclaimed, and we pray to see God give the increase. We are now reaching new areas with the gospel through our website. Brother Bill Flowers and his media team have been a huge help in reaching Dearborn and the surrounding areas. Also, we launched egyptforchrist.com in Cairo, Egypt. Pastor Girgis told me that already dozens want to meet for Bible study and others need Bibles. It is a blessing using media to reach the masses. We also sent out 10,000 invitations to our Bible study in the mail. We are using a media/mail blitz these next few months so pray God will bring more people in.

"I am being a witness daily to my family." Brother Amer plainly said. It blesses me to see Amer growing in the faith. He shares the love of Christ with his wife, and she is starting to respond. He also shares the truth with hard hearted Muslims in his family, but we are starting to see some soften to the truth. We are thinking of new ways to confront Muslims with the gospel in the new year. Keep Brother Amer in prayer as he always seems to be under a lot of stress due to his faith and everyday problems.

"The Word became flesh." I preached at Lighthouse Baptist in GA. It was refreshing to see friends and family in GA for the holidays. While there, I was able to preach at LBC twice to give updates and challenges from God's word. We plan to do short videos together with their media team that answer questions Muslims ask about Christ. We will send these to social media in our area! It was also a blessing answering questions from a young student at their Christian school about witnessing to Muslims.

"Come and visit." It is always a blessing doing visits. One lady called Silvery Lane Baptist and we went to visit a home of a woman that felt her home was under demonic attack. Next thing you know, she is at the church. We visited an Arab family together and invited the family to come and we pray they will. Here in Michigan, it is starting to get very cold, so we will do follow-up with contacts and go door to door when the temperatures aren't way below freezing.

### Family Matters

Our little girl Emma just turned 8! It's hard to believe 8 years ago, she was born in Egypt and now she is here being a light in Dearborn. Everyone got sick for the holidays, but we are doing much better.

### Think On These Things...

It's absolutely amazing to see how the Lord brings people from other lands and religions to hear the gospel. These people come here looking for hope from money, opportunity, new homes, etc. Yet, we are to lovingly confront them with the gospel. Let's thank God for all He has blessed us with and share the gospel with those looking for hope around us.

For the Wonderful Lord God

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

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