



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 in the Faith,

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Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to open doors of utterance for His name. He wants His name to be known and He gives His followers opportunities to speak His name. Thanks for remembering us as we serve Him in this needy place.

Opportunities for His name

"We will come to any event that you all have!" Said a Muslim lady. After our festival in May, we followed up by contacting people. We have volleyball in the park while having a table with Bibles and tracts. Many Muslim families join us as we have a good time together. Several know us by name, and they say that they wished we could come everyday! Many take Bibles. Beth sat down and ate with 6 Muslim ladies and many of those came to church. Praise the Lord, our reputation in the community is growing and we are seeing people respond.

"I need a Bible Study so I can grow." We put a commercial out on local stations. Our friend saw the commercial and called immediately. He has a health condition where it was hard for him to leave home. We meet with him weekly and cover basic Bible doctrines and answer his questions. He then came to our Great Sacrifice event we had when he recovered from surgery. It is a blessing to see him hungry for God's word. Ilsa, who we led to the Lord now faithfully comes, as well! Also, pray for her health.

"Jesus is the sacrifice for your sins." I preached. In Islam, they have Eid al Adha, the sacrifice feast that commemorates when Abraham was commanded by God to sacrifice his son, but then God sent the ram for the sacrifice. Sound familiar? We shared the Biblical account and then connected it with the sacrifice of Christ. Bro Kacy Ray, our intern, led the children's program and the Muslim women that came listened to his message to the children. He clearly preached salvation and they attentively listened. We also had several come and stay for the outdoor games and halal hotdogs. I also connected with a Muslim man that loved what we were doing.

"I loved what was taught. I want to come again." While on visitation, our Muslim friend invited us into his home and on Father's Day, he came, and I taught on the Loving and Perfect Father. I shared God's word and we meet with him weekly. He has been in the hospital with an infection, and we pray to see him back soon so he can hear God's word and get saved.

"Can I come in and pray?" A Muslim woman asked. While in the church preparing for our event, a Muslim woman came in to pray. She asked for candles, and I told her that she didn't need candles to pray. I led her in prayer and by the end of the prayer, she was crying. She went to the altar to pray and then when she left, she mentioned that she has problems in her home. I gave her a Bible and she promised to read and follow-up.

What a blessing to see many opportunities here and even in Egypt. Pastor Girgis has been faithfully preaching and discipling. They will have a conference with American Pastor Gary Wilkins. We also have Bible Baptist Temple, Pastor Fred Fies from Warner Robins GA coming in to help spread the name of Christ. Amer is growing and is always helping in the church. Keep his family in prayer for their salvation. Also, pray for all the new people God let us connect with.

Family Matters...

The kids finished well at school. We praise the Lord for a time of refreshing and vacation with family at the Grand Canyon. While gone, those who came to the Bible study faithfully came while we were gone. Brother Kacy Ray led the study while Amer and others chimed in. Beth has been following up with ladies she has met, and God uses her.

Think On These Things...

In Islam, family is important. They get together to celebrate their beliefs. We, as followers of Christ should magnify Him in the church and as a family. We pray to see Muslims come to the Christ and be in the family of God. The Gates Family

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

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