



# 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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What a blessing and privilege it is to glorify God in the ministry of reconciliation. We have a worthy God that needs to be magnified in a sinful world. We praise the Lord for the many opportunities He gave us this past month here in Dearborn. Thank you all so much for your faithful prayers and support.

### **They Need the Gospel**

"I feel so empty, and I know Jesus is the way of forgiveness." What a bold statement made by Amer's wife. We have been praying for Amer's wife to be saved. The Lord is working. She realizes the truth but for some reason, she still hasn't taken the step of faith to make Him her Lord and Savior! Will you pray right now and throughout this month for her salvation?

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to help at a backpack giveaway with Calvary Baptist Church about 40 minutes away. We were able to talk to at least six Muslim families and share the Gospel with them and to give them and their children Bibles. They said that this upcoming summer they will give us 250 backpacks to do the same outreach here in Dearborn. What a blessing! We will be able to effect hundreds of families with something needed: backpacks, school supplies and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Although I am a Muslim, I have a Bible in my backpack." Mehran said. We set up a table with Bibles at the Citywide Yard sale! This Muslim gentleman came by, and we witnessed to him and answered his questions. My friend Pastor Josh Levesque met him a week before and gave him the Bible. He is coming to the Christ Is Conference and keeps in contact with me when he has Bible questions. We also met Dan, a Catholic man that came to the Bible study after we met him at the yard sale. Pray for these that heard the truth and for those who took tracts.

"You will see when you stand before Allah that I was right." A young Muslim girl college student said. The school year started at Henry Ford College and many listened and others argued. After witnessing a while to this young lady, she still held fast to her false faith. Other students took Bibles and had genuine questions. All were invited to our Bible study and to the upcoming Christ Is Conference. Hundreds of students are lost, and I will also make my way over to University of Michigan Dearborn. The park outreach has also been a blessing and we find many of the same questions come up. They can't understand who Jesus is.

"I don't want to leave until I know I am saved!" The Lord let us help at VBS at Silvery Lane Baptist. Pastor Staub and Brother Rick Mitchell did a great job leading and there were at least 14 professions of faith. When we deal with kids, we make sure they are ready, and they understand. The Lord let me lead 3 boys and Beth led 3 girls to Christ. When they had the opportunity to leave and play games and get prizes all of them wanted to stay and get saved! Praise the LORD!

"You are onto something good." My Sunni Imam friend smiled and said. I met with my friend to invite him to the Christ Is Conference Sept 27-29. I shared my testimony and of the ministry in Egypt. He took it all in and when I shared the difference in the Coptic faith and the Bible that teaches salvation by grace through faith, he liked it. The conference is called Christ Is Messiah. We will study and teach about Christ in the Old Testament and in the evenings. We will interview the Local Imams then we will teach what the Bible says. A local Arabic station said they will let us put a 30 second commercial on their channels and they would also put the whole conference on their stations as well!! This has the potential to go across the Middle East! We are also using electronic billboards to advertise. We pray to see saints encouraged and the lost saved. Pray for the conference, but also give. We are spending thousands of dollars to lift up Jesus to the lost. We need your help in all ways. Send that to the address below and label it Christ Is Conference or <https://portal.icheckgateway.com/MacedoniaWorldBaptist/>.

We praise the Lord for how He is working in the life of Ken who faithfully comes to our Bible study, yet his sister still holds onto her JW faith. Pray also for his son, Aaron to be saved and his health. Ellahe just got married and we continually pray for her walk with Christ. It has also been a blessing seeing Pastor Girgis and Amany faithfully serve. One of the Egyptian Church members asked him to do a series on the difference between the Orthodox Coptic Church and the Baptist Church.

### **Family Matters**

We had a great time celebrating Beth's birthday, and it was also a blessing having Beth's dad, Raymond, visit from GA. Also, the kids started school! They're growing up! We thank you all so much for loving us and praying for us.

For the Lord

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

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