



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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The blessings of God never cease to amaze me! He uses each of you to help us. This New Year started with the Lord's work in and through us. We pray that others will come to Christ as we lift Him up.

Offering Hope

"My husband found a Bible from the Bible study at a Yemeni Restaurant!" A Muslim friend said. My wife, Beth, has been meeting with a Muslim woman that came to the Christ Is Conference. She said she prayed and thought she might have gotten saved, yet when Beth asked her vital questions about Jesus, she seemed a little cautious and unsure. Beth told her that the Lord would clear things up for her as she seeks the truth and stays in the Word. When she came to our Bible Study, she told us what I wrote above, and she wanted to take tracts and Bibles with her to leave around her house for her husband to find. She's faithfully come for months now. I forgot to mention that her husband is a leader in the mosque. Keep her in prayer.

"You all base the Christian faith on the resurrection! That's It!" My Muslim college student friend said. I explain to our Muslim friends the proof and effect of the resurrection, and other proofs, yet they still doubt. I also talked to a Mexican student, and he is listening and agrees with what we teach him. I believe he is close to coming to Jesus. Many students come to listen and get their questions answered. We meet new students and keep relations with the others. We know Christ will bless this vital ministry as we offer hope.

"I see the importance of baptism and the church." Hussein said. This young ex-Muslim friend faithfully comes to our study after attending the Christ Is Conference. He said he wants to get baptized, and I am taking him through some basics of the faith. It has been a help and blessing. Pray as his family grows in the Lord.

"I am a Muslim, but I appreciate you guys spreading the good news." It's always a blessing going door to door. We had a lot of good contacts and gave out Gospel Literature. We know His Word will not return void!

We started the Christ Is Podcast. Brother Josh Levesque and Brother Ronnie and I had a fun time for the first session. We started with the "Why Christ Is Podcast?" We recapped on the conference and knew there were some unanswered questions posed by our Muslim friends that visited. We pray to take the Scripture, answer these questions, and teach principles on Muslim Evangelism. You can listen to the conference and podcasts on YouTube and Spotify. Simply search for Christ Is Conference on each platform or go to www.Christis.Co.

Praise the Lord for being able to visit a couple of churches to share God's Word and the ministry here. When I had to miss one Sunday, the men of the Bible study were able to teach and encourage each other while a friend Brother Joseph joined with them. My desire is to see these men and women equipped to live and share God's Word. We are going over the Focus of the Word of God and going through Colossians. We had some visitors come through and pray to see them faithfully come back. The Lord is also truly working through pastor Girgis, his family and the church in Egypt. He started a Youth Meeting and disciples the people and they were able to go to an evangelism conference as they grow.

Family Matters

Joshua had an MRI this past week and will have two-night EEG. The MRIs looked good, and we pray the same for the EEGs. Emma celebrated her 10th Birthday! In the double digits! Sandy and Emma enjoy Basketball and Noah may need some therapy on his hands. Beth continues helping with her actions and meeting with our friend for discipleship.

Think On These Things...

Sometimes you may be nervous about sharing your faith. You may be confronted with tough questions and rejection. Many are intimidated by witnessing to people of other faiths. Yet we have His Spirit and His Word. I challenge you to get out of your comfort zone and share Christ with someone new.

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

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