



# 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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Praise the LORD for His abundant grace and using us for His name! He has been keeping us busy in His work while we rest in Him. Thanks so much for your prayers and support as we lift up His name here.

### Spreading the Gospel for His Glory!

"I want a whole Bible, not just a New Testament." Said a Muslim woman at our festival. What an amazing time we had at our Spring Festival! We went around the city with 5000 gospel tract/door hangers. We were able to witness and share the gospel many times. Hussein and his wife came, and they loved taking part in outreach. While with friends, the Lord opened a time to pray with a Muslim woman for her daughter. Each day of the festival nearly 200 came out each day and they openly took Bibles, books, and tracts. We were able to build relationships and the Gospel was preached 4 times in the two days. One man that was against us a couple years ago came with his children and was overwhelmed by the kindness we showed. What a time of showing the love of Christ with hands and words. Pray for the seeds planted to grow to salvation.

"Is there any record of the Jesus's childhood?" A young agnostic asked. The Lord blessed and sent a young couple to our services. The young lady was Muslim, then atheist and now a follower of Christ. The young man still searches for the truth. He was Muslim yet sees the fallacies in this false faith. He promised to read the Gospel of John with me, and he sincerely listens and learns. Pray for this young man to come to Christ.

The Lord blessed and two Muslim women continually come to our services. One has come since September and meets with Beth to have her questions answered. The other young Muslim college student seems open and is a seeker of truth. One time she admitted, I don't know what I am!" Saying she doesn't think she's Muslim, but still looking. We thank the Lord for these women that need the Lord.

"Why does God reach different people in different ways?" Amer's Muslim wife asked. We had a cookout at our house where our church friends came over and several Muslims that visited with some first-time friends. I asked the question, "If you could ask God one question, what would you ask Him?" That question opened up gospel conversation and it was a blessing. Many seem close, so keep praying!

"Use the Biblical accounts of the sacrifices to witness to Muslims." I taught. The Lord let me do a Zoom class for Muslim Outreach led by Brother Tom to help prepare brethren to be a witness. This is a two-part lesson, and it was a blessing sharing the Scriptures and testimonies of God's work and love for Muslims. Pray God uses this for His name.

It has been a blessing going to the Henry Ford College. The students seem more open to ask questions and listen. We also continue our Christ Is Podcast (christis.co). Many are following and learning about ministry to Muslims. The ministry in Egypt still thrives as Pastor Girgis and Amame faithfully serve. It was also a blessing going back to VA to update our sending church, Maranatha and Central Baptist, First Calvary, and Temple Baptist. Beth also got to teach a ladies' luncheon and was able to encourage and share the gospel. Also, while a young lady visited that plans to intern, a man verbally attacked her and Beth while at Sam's Club because she had a cross on her shirt. Crazy seeing the opposition to Jesus and the cross!

### Family Matters

It was such a blessing having family from GA come to help us rebuild our kitchen. They sacrificed their time and money to be a blessing! Also, it was great seeing my sister Diana while in VA. Yet, my cousin Jimmy in VA went home to be with the Lord. I was able to comfort my Aunt Stella and see family there. The kids are finishing up school and Joshua continually witnesses to his teachers and friends at school although there is opposition. Keep him in prayer.

### Think On These Things...

Even in Islam there is division between Shia and Sunni. They each think they are false "Muslims." We as believers can sometimes fight over petty matters. Jesus said others will know we are His disciples by our love for each other. Let us love and encourage each other and not fight so people can see Christ in our lives!

For the Christ,

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

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