



## 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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Dear Friends in the Ministry of Reconciliation,

What an amazing Saviour that we have! We are blessed to be saved, and the Lord of Glory wants to save more. We thank Him for letting us serve Him amongst the Muslims of Dearborn, MI. We thank you all so much for faithfully supporting us.

### **New Opportunities for His Name**

"I will bring you proof there is no resurrection!" A young Muslim student said. The Summer Semester started at Henry Ford College, and we see new students. Many of the ones we built relationships with still come even if they don't have classes at the time. We've been able to encourage believers and confront lies of false belief. One student just said they want to come to church and pray to see them this week. The student I spoke to about the resurrection came back, but just listened to what the Bible says about salvation. God is working!

"Why did God have to die? How could He?" A young Muslim man asked me at the Spring Festival. WOW! The Lord brought out hundreds to our festival this year. It's a blessing to see so many come and have a great time with family. What is amazing is seeing them sit down and listen to preaching about the King. When I finished a Muslim lady came and said she wanted a Bible and that she learned from what I preached. The young man described above came after Pastor Staub preached. He told me he will visit us this Sunday. We also have contact info from those we met and others that registered. Keep praying for those that heard.

"I am Muslim, you are Christian, that's okay!" A man said as we were at the park. The Lord opened the door for us to minister at the park. Brother Joseph of Silvery Lane started a kid's ministry in the park nearby and asked us to meet there at least one Wednesday a month with our Bible study. We were able to minister to some of the adults and he was able to preach a message to the kids while they ate pizza. We will start our weekly park outreach at this same park in the next couple of weeks. The name of Jesus will be magnified there weekly. We will have a table with Bibles and materials about the ministry.

"Can we do the conference at three different churches?" Pastor Jon Canavan asked. We visited New York in preparation for the Christ Is Conference NYC. I got to talk to a Muslim man from Turkey that said there are many ways to heaven, but Jesus didn't die on the cross. What a great need! The Conference is scheduled June 4-6. Wednesday, we will be at Gospel Light Baptist Jamaica NY Pastor Dana Dice. Thursday, we will be at All Nations Baptist Church Pastor Dan Shaefer. Friday, we will be with Pastor Jon Canavan Living Hope Baptist Church in the Bronx. If you are in NYC or nearby, we would love to have you come!

"The same way The Father loves the Son, is how He loves us!" I preached at the Great Commission Conference. Some local ministries wanted to encourage the believers that serve the community. I was asked to preach along with my friend, Pastor Josh Levesque. The next day two others preached and everyone at the conference left to invite people to the Spring Festival. We passed out about 5000 door hangers and witnessed to some that came to the doors. The LORD used these efforts, and many came because of the doorhangers, word of mouth and social media ads.

I was able to visit two churches to share the work. Bible Baptist Seymour TN Pastor David Jeffers. The Lord used them mightily to encourage us and now they support us. We also gave an update at Faith Baptist Church Pikeville TN with Pastor Ashburn, a faithful supporter for years. Pastor Girgis in Egypt helped host a huge evangelism conference with Pastor Gary Wilkins, Brother Brian Treadway and Operation GO International. 75 Egyptian pastors came, and many committed to evangelism and discipleship.

### **Family Matters**

I have such an amazing family! Beth planned a surprise birthday party for me and family from GA and my sister Diana flew in. I left to meet Hussein, and I came home and many of my friends were there! What a blessing to have friends and family that love me. A huge surprise!!

### **Think On These Things...**

Son or Slave? We ask this to Muslims. What is better to be a child of God or a slave? The highest relationship in Islam is a slave. I am blessed to be called a child of the king and have an everlasting relationship. Pray as we spread the news of the Almighty!

The Gates Family

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

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