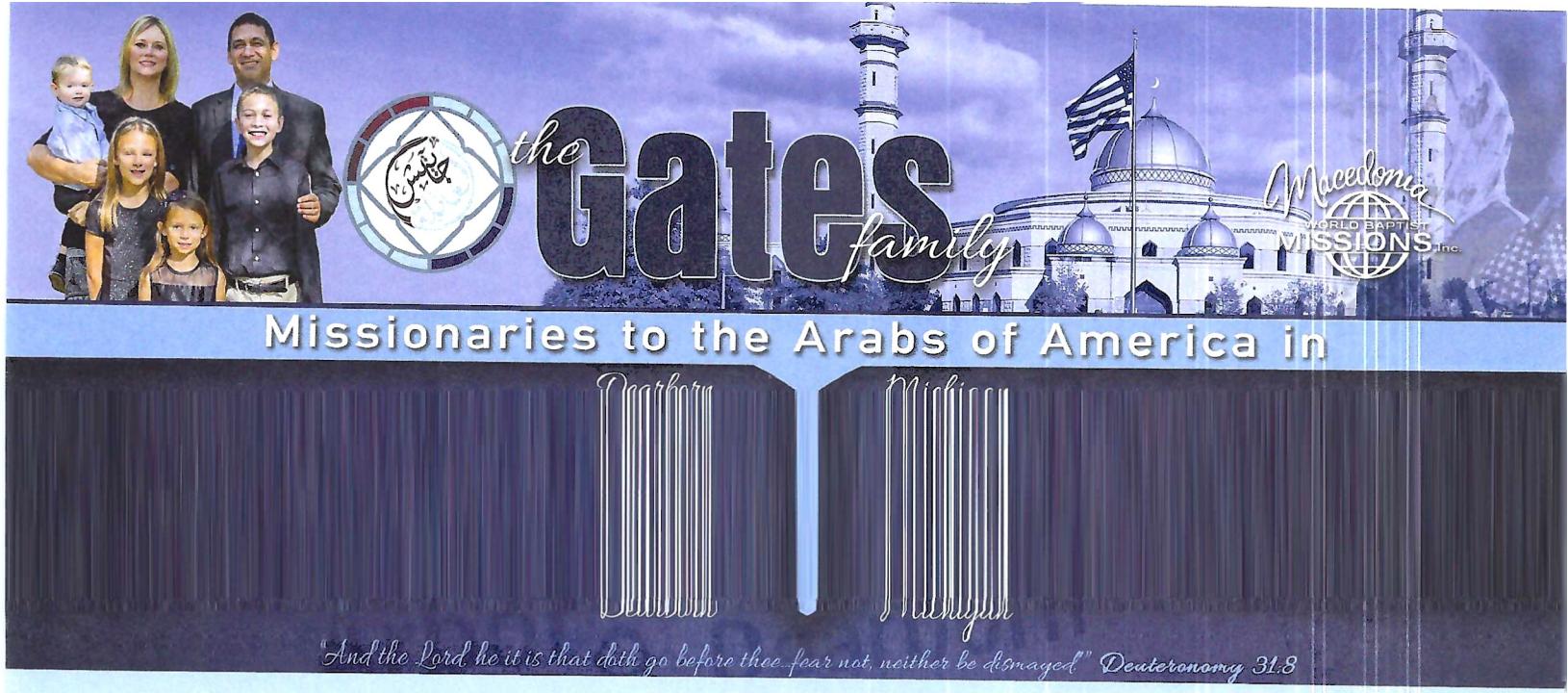

April, 2026

Dearest Family in Christ,

We thank the Lord for His faithfulness. He is not willing that any should perish. We get to glorify His name. Thanks for your faithfulness to the Lord and us.

Open Doors

"Let's hit the coffee shops after service!" Ryan said. We had an evangelistic team come in from Oklahoma during Ramadan. They visited local mosques and witnessed to Imams. We went to a late-night coffee shop and also to the Balkan Center where a whole group of us were surrounded by Muslims and answering their questions. At the UMD college campus, we met a young college student. I answered his questions, as well.

"Why did Jesus say the Father is greater?" While talking to this young man at UMD, an old friend and seeker that we knew from Henry Ford College came up. I hadn't seen him for over a year and he then showed up at the HFC the following day. A man also came to find out info about our church. He showed up the following Sunday! The conversations are thrilling and we thank the Lord for these wonderful opportunities.

Praise the Lord for our Resurrection Sunday services! The Lord brought in 11 Muslims to hear about the resurrection of King Jesus. They mostly came from the ESL class, but also from door hangers and invites we put out. This was the first time some of these heard the saving Gospel of Jesus.

"What a blessing to have so many wonderful conversations!" Beth excitedly said. The weather here is finally getting warm enough for door to door. Beth and Sister Jessie talked to Muslims that were opened to learn about other faiths. Also, a man that was a JW, but then left them to seek the truth said he may visit. Pray the Lord brings in these and more as we start canvassing our neighborhood again.

"This is a debate and not a conversation." I said to my Muslim friend. I had the opportunity to help set up a debate out the Christ of the Bible of the Iesa of the Quran. My friends sponsored the debate, but two Imams canceled. With only 6 days before the debate, my friend Shia Sheikh Mohammad said he would come. He canceled last minute and I found another that final day. My Christian friend shared vital points about why Jesus is reliable and Mohammed isn't. Afterwards, we were able to witness to some Muslims that came to the debate. I then contacted the Imam that stepped in last minute to meet with him. I pray to meet with him to explain the True Jesus and pray he gets saved along with his brother.

"The Quran confirms the Torah." A trainer said. There are always people that come through Dearborn to reach Muslims. They teach seminars on reaching Muslims. I love learning but also teaching. We are putting together more resources and tracts to be used for evangelism. God builds His church. We also want to help churches to teach how to reach Muslims and to put resources in their hands. Pray as we see this aspect of the ministry built.

Family Matters

Sandy turned 16!! Crazy!! Emma and Noah just finished basketball and now just want to play some volleyball. We will be starting that now the weather is good. Joshua has his struggles, but he is trying to understand Bible passages that are helpful and also loving the TorchLighters missionary series. It was also a blessing seeing family in GA for spring break and then some came here to see us! Keep praying for Muslims to come to Jesus. He is the only hope they have.

For the King,

The Gates Family