



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 a great start to the New Year! He has been working in and through us and we know this is because of your love and prayers for us. His love and grace constrain us to share Christ with others. Thanks for your prayers for us.

Seeing the Need to Reach the Lost

"There is a great need in Dearborn." Brother Nathan said. Brother Nathan and Brother Enan came to Dearborn for a vision trip. Nathan desires to reach Muslims for Christ and when he saw churches that became mosques, Hindu Temples, and Buddhist temples, it showed him the deep need. They were able to do outreach and encourage those that are here. We also have Northwood Baptist, Pastor Tim Webb that will visit in the summer. Pray for those that came and those that will.

"Jesus is God! The Prophets, disciples, and even Christ preached this truth!" I taught. I finished videos for our website that are short lessons answering questions Muslims ask about. Brother Bill and Brother Marwan helped to develop the site and now help to promote it in our area. We already have some that are listening and ordering Bibles. Pray the Lord continues to use this and other social media outreach for His name.

"I am not sure if I am ready to meet God." A young Muslim man said. The weather here in Michigan has been unusually warmer than usual. This means more door-knocking and meeting new friends. We followed up with some that we witnessed to last year and also made new contacts. One of the ladies that was a Muslim and now saved was reached through visitation where she came to our Bible study and now grows in the faith. Pray as we reach out to the community and also do mailouts that get us recognition in the community. Many know where we are and pray they reach out as we do His will.

"You worship three gods!" A young college student passionately said. We praise the Lord for the Henry Ford College outreach. It has been a blessing meeting with several college students that are passionate about their faith, yet still, listen and ask questions. I met with a young man and two Quran Institute students and showed them prophecies fulfilled by Christ. There are so many students and stories to tell from this ministry; each student is precious to God. Please pray that these students will see the Light of the world and be saved.

The Lord is also letting me teach at the Bible Institute here at Silvery Lane Baptist. It blesses me to show the personal promises of God perfectly fulfilled in Jesus Christ through the Old Testament. God's Word is one book that reveals His plan through Christ. It is always sweet to see Christ in the Old Testament and to share this with others.

We praise the Lord for Pastor Girgis and the church in Egypt. He amazes me with his wisdom in how he is leading the church in Cairo. He also meets with Muslims that order Bibles and preaches on his website. Recently, he was told by his landlord that he and his family must move out. When someone owns a home, they can ask the person to leave if they want the apartment for family. We are helping Pastor Girgis to get a home, so they won't have to fear raising monthly rent and getting out on the streets. He has some money saved and available, but we have some committed to helping that know his character. If you would like to help, please send that to our Mission Board and in notes David Gates/Pastor Girgis fund.

Family Matters

Recently, we found out that Joshua's tumor in his brain has grown some. It isn't dangerous yet, but we keep a close watch on him. PRAY!! Emma celebrated her 9th Birthday! Sandy and Noah are doing great as well. Beth continues to teach the ladies and helps one of our elderly members at her home. She is such a blessing!

Think On These Things...

As we are in the battle for souls, it sometimes takes a while to see fruit. It's easy to get discouraged unless we rest in the Lord and the One that uses us to be a witness. Here in Dearborn and the surrounding areas are people whose religion openly attacks the Gospel and Christ Himself. Pray the seeds planted will grow into everlasting life!

For Jesus

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

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