

Missions Update

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MISSIONS FOCUS: Global Gates, Fortescue Family

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

From Semi-Annual Missions Report, July 2021

Global Gates (West Coast, US) – Tim Fortescue has focused the last six months on re-engaging in ministry after his sabbatical. He has also been working closely with the pastor of the local Afghan church. He helped connect them with partners who are interested in working with Afghans and the Afghan ministry. Additionally, he has continued to network for Global Gates more broadly here on the West Coast and to work with their executive director on organizational development and fundraising.

From August 2021 Update from the Fortescue Family

The August Update shares his journey and ministry in California for the last 20 years and the call that God has placed on them to move their family to Wisconsin to continue to serve with Global Gates as their organizational development leader. He will continue to need to raise his support, network and coordinate with his West Coast coordinator replacement and seek to grow Global Gates on the West Coast. “Additionally, I will continue to work with the Afghan ministry leaders here and advocate for the ministry among Afghans.”

They request prayer as they transition, prayer for the right home, prayer for their children who will need to start a new school in a new part of the US. They expressed great gratitude for the prayer and support they've received over the past 19 years - it has made an incredible impact on them and their ministry!

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.” Hebrews 11:1-2

To read the complete letter with details of how God led them to California and to this new season of their journey, please continue reading below.

After the letter are some updates from Global Gates and excerpts from letters and newsletters of some of their work.

Fortescue Family Update

Dear *BACBC,*

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

-Hebrews 11:1-2

Thank you as always for your continued prayer and support of our ministry with Global Gates. I first moved to the San Francisco Bay Area 19 years ago this month. While we wouldn't meet for another 6 years, Tessa made her way out here from Wisconsin almost exactly a year later. While I was born in South Carolina, the Bay Area is the place that has become home. During the past almost 20 years, I've graduated seminary twice; first with my masters, and then with my doctorate. I've been in ministry for 16 of the 19 years here. A ministry where I've fallen in love with Afghans and have tried to share God's love with them, as well as with our other neighbors from around the globe. This is also the place where I met

Tessa, fell in love and started a family. All four of our kids have been born here. The Bay Area will always be a place that I call home. Here is where I've deepened into the true self that God created me to be. Many of you have been on this journey with me over the last two decades and our family has often been sustained and encouraged by your prayers and friendship.

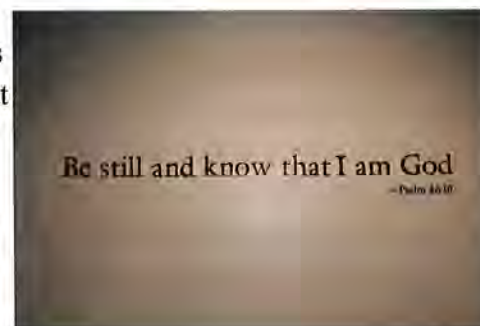
Hebrews 11 gives us a definition of what faith is. Being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. When I made the journey to California 20 years ago, it required a lot of faith. What has become familiar and comfortable now, was very foreign at the time. I had hopes for a new beginning and a new life. I can still remember driving down the freeway the first week that I arrived here, being so excited about my new life and the potential it had to offer. Much of what I hoped for then has been fulfilled, along with many more things that I never could have imagined. The family that I have found and created here is one example of something that I could never have predicted. As are the friendships that opened my mind and heart to new ways of seeing and trusting in God's love for the world. I had hoped--but couldn't have really imagined--a ministry thriving beyond my personal ministry to the point of now being led by an Afghan Christian. Through the unknowns and with varying degrees of faith, much of what I had hoped for when I first moved to California has exceeded my wildest expectations. Much of what has come to fruition could not have happened without faithful partners who believed in me and partnered with us in this work through the years.



Visiting Nana in Wisconsin

After much time of reflection and prayer, particularly during my recent sabbatical, Tessa and I have decided that it's time to make another leap of faith that has many hopes and unknowns, much like when she and I first moved to California. With encouragement and support from Global Gates, we've decided to relocate to the Madison, WI area to be closer to Tessa's family. As Global Gates continues to grow as an organization, the need for a staff person to take on more of a full time development and organizational fundraising role is necessary. Global Gates has asked me to lead our organizational fundraising efforts more fully. It feels like the appropriate time to take on such a role, given where we are as a family, as well as where I am in this season of ministry. Although organizational development will be my primary responsibility, I have worked with Global Gates to recruit my replacement as West Coast coordinator. I will still be raising my own funds, as well as working closely (at least in the near future) with the West Coast Coordinator to help them make connections. Seeing Global Gates continue to grow and thrive on the West Coast will always be a priority of mine. I will continue to network with the work of Global Gates on the West Coast and mobilize others to that direction and to other areas where they might serve in ministry, even as I focus primarily on organizational development. Additionally, I will continue to work with the Afghan ministry leaders here and advocate for the ministry here among Afghans. We will always be grateful for those who have poured into our family and our work here in the Bay Area. We now ask for your continued prayer and support of us and our ministry as we make this transition.

While we believe this is the right move for our family, we will deeply miss the Bay Area and the friends we've made here. Please pray that we will put our trust in God during this time of uncertainty and transition and that we will be gracious and kind to ourselves and one another in the midst of change and upheaval. Pray that we find the right home (soon!) and for the kids as they start a new school in a new town. Pray that we find Christian community to do life with and that we make space to "*Be still and know that I AM God*" even in the midst of moving boxes and temporary chaos.



The last 19 years have been incredible--and your prayers and partnership are no small part in that. And now as we face into this new, unknown chapter in our life together, we trust that the God who led us west in our 20s, will go before us now to the midwest in our 40s. And wherever *you* may be on your own particular journey, like Paul we pray (for ourselves and for all of you);

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength--with all the saints--to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

In gratitude,

Tim and Tessa

If you'd like to donate, you can send a check to Global Gates, 236 W. 72nd St, NY, NY 10023, and write our specific ministry account number TF/52000 in the memo line of your check. You can also give online by going to www.globalgates.info/donate and select our account TF/52000 from the dropdown menu.

August 2021 – Global Gates

Thank you for your July gifts to help us reach the ends of the earth through global gateway cities. I'm so grateful for you and thankful for your partnership with us as we share the life and message of Jesus with unreached peoples.

A West African Muslim from the unreached Wolof people recently commented, "I am falling in love with Jesus, even as I am growing disenchanted with Islam." This man would never have met Jesus apart from the courageous witness of one of your Global Gates missionaries. This Global Gate missionary would never have been able to share this good news without the generous support that you have provided.

Thank you, dear friend, for partnering with us in this vital ministry that is translating the kingdom of this world into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ!

July 2021 – Global Gates

July is harvest time among the unreached immigrants in global gateway cities. Already we are seeing new churches formed in the cities where your Global Gates missionaries are serving. Your prayers and sacrificial gifts are making this possible.

Thank you, dear friend, for prayerfully supporting the global ministries of Global Gates. Your prayers and generous giving are making it possible for us to bring the gift of eternal life to the very ends of the earth!

June 2021 – Global Gates

Life in New York City, Houston, Toronto, Detroit, Washington DC, San Francisco and other global gateway cities is bustling this time of year as hundreds of volunteers join your Global Gates missionaries to share the gospel in street evangelism in Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh neighborhoods. This is one of the exciting opportunities that we have to impact the very ends of the earth through immigrants that God has brought to our own global gateway cities.

Your contributions make it possible for us to give New Testaments and Jesus films in the local languages of hundreds of lost souls. Thank you for making this ministry possible!

April 2021 Global Gates Newsletter

When Jesus rose from the grave the impact rippled throughout human history. Whenever men and women say yes to Jesus, the ripples continue. Today, your Global Gates missionaries are shouting the great news that “Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” into the lost concentrations of darkness that persist in global gateway cities across America and around the world.

Some quotes:

An Egyptian Muslim woman named Khadijah surrendered her life to Christ and declared, *“Praise be to God, now my heart is clean!”*

In giving his life to Jesus, a Sikh-background believer in New York declared, *“More than anything, I want to reach my people with the gospel!”*

“If I am slaughtered and thrown in the sea and beaten with a club, I will never deny my Savior. The immortal God, who created the world, has made a covenant that will never fail. I will never deny my Savior.”

-*Hamza, an imprisoned Somali Christian man from a Muslim background, to a Global Gates (GG) missionary.

“God sent you to us.”

-*Nasir, a Pakistani Christian man to the GG missionary

“I’ve heard the phrase ‘Like a sheep to the slaughter.’ What does that mean?” –

-*Nina, a Turkish Muslim woman, to a GG missionary

**names changed for security reasons*

New GG Website: <https://globalgates.info@>

Pathways Texas Internship

Has God given you a passion for the nations? Do you have a heart for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ among the world’s most unevangelized peoples, but don’t know how? GG might have the perfect opportunity for you. Our Houston internship is 9 months long from September 2021– March 2022. Learn how to make contextualized gospel presentations to Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus. Real life experiences, life changing! (consider joining the next cycle)

More information: globalgates.info/pathwaystx

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“Introducing the Nations to True Freedom”

July 2021

Dear Ministry Partner,

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, (and) endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

These heart-felt words in our Declaration of Independence expressed the sentiments of immigrants fleeing the tyranny of Old World persecution. Among these immigrants were my ancestors...and yours.

Today, these words are attracting immigrants from Afghanistan, Iran, Somalia, Kashmir, Iraq, and other war-torn nations seeking a new beginning in America. Global Gates missionaries are partnering with you to make sure that this “unalienable right” includes Jesus and His gift of salvation to these immigrants.

A Global Gates missionary shared the gospel with a Bangladeshi man named Shazaad, who prayed to receive Jesus into his heart. *Shared confessed, *“I want forgiveness, and through Jesus I can get this forgiveness.”*

Three of our Pathways Texas interns watched the gospel film, “The Savior,” with four Bengali Muslim friends, *Abdul, *Aslam, *Shaquille, and *Zoumana, who each prayed to receive Jesus, and then eagerly followed Him in believer’s baptism.

To multiply their witness, Global Gates is using social media to *“shout it from the rooftops!”* Last month, our team in Tennessee reported 51,000 people viewed the gospel ads on their website.

Praise God for our American **liberties** to both proclaim and respond to the gospel, and for the gospel pathway to eternal **life**, the ultimate destination for **the pursuit of happiness**.

Grateful for you,

David Garrison
Executive Director, Global Gates



Quotes from the Field

“I like studying the Bible like this (Creation to Christ stories).”

- **Jagvir, a Punjabi Sikh man, to a Global Gates missionary*

“I like how God wants to be God, because he loves us.”

- **Zainab, a Somali Muslim woman, to a Global Gates missionary*

“Even though I am doing the Ramadan, God knows my heart is toward Isa (Jesus), because of his goodness, meekness, and forgiveness. I’ve never seen someone like him. I saw that in the DVD you gave me (of the Jesus film). He was even asking God to forgive them as he hung on that cross.”

- **Mariama, a West African Muslim woman, to a Global Gates missionary*

**Names changed for security reasons.*

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Give to the Global Gates Training Fund Our training priorities fall into two categories - Equipping our Gateway Hub Leaders (supervisors) and Strategy Coordinator (SC) training. Gateway Hub Leader Training aims to increase supervisory skills such as the leading of missionaries, strategic planning for evangelism/disciple-making/church planting, development of teams, and more.

The equipping of Hub Leaders anticipates an effective engagement of least reached peoples, and culminates in disciple-making and church planting movements. SC Training assists second-year workers in developing a master plan for catalyzing a church planting movement among their assigned people group. Prayerfully consider giving to the training fund, so we can increase our effectiveness among our missionary teams.

You can make a financial contribution online at tinyurl.com/GGMissionaryTraining.

Fundraising Goal: \$20,000

30 Days of Prayer in 2022 We are delighted to join WorldChristian.com in putting together its “30 DAYS Muslim World Prayer Guide” again.

We hope that you, your local church, small group, family, and friends will join us next year in praying through the prayer guide during Ramadan. This booklet will lead you in intercession for the Muslim world. Visit <https://globalgates.info/30days> to learn more.

Pathways Texas Internship Do you have a passion for spreading the gospel among the unreached, but don't know how? You can get the tools you need to serve on the frontlines of God's mission through our Pathways Texas Internship. For nine months (late August 2021 - May 2022), you will live in an apartment complex among an unreached people group. Expert missionary practitioners will train you how to engage and reach the immigrant community around you. You'll learn how to make contextualized gospel presentations to Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus. Our workers will also provide you with training in apologetics, Bible storying, and how to build a missions strategy for making disciples with the goal of starting a Bible study or house church in your apartment complex with your unreached neighbors.

Visit globalgates.info/pathwaystx to learn more. If you have questions, please email us at pathwayshouston@globalgates.info



Global Gates Needs a Director of Communications

Global Gates Director of Communications is the primary person responsible for communicating Global Gates news and information to its employees and the public. This person shares the mission and vision of Global Gates through a variety of platforms - newsletters, email campaigns, social media, and the Global Gates website and blog. You can find a full job description online at tinyurl.com/DirOfComm.

*Thank you for reading about and praying
for our missionaries, countries and people
locally and globally!*