



MISSIONS FOCUS

From bulletin: August 21, 2022

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

Global Gates

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

July 2022 Missions Report

Global Gates (West Coast, US) – Jason Brown replaced Tim Fortescue last year as the Director of Global Gates, West Coast. One of the projects that Jason set up was collaborating with local Afghan families and several churches in San Ramon, CA to put together kitchen kits for newly arriving Afghan refugee families. Each kit costs \$900 and they have put together 30 kits! This year, Jason's family took an Afghan family to Target to get their kitchen set. They were able to share with this Afghan family the story of Jesus and Easter. Our prayers are asked for this family's salvation. For an Easter outreach event, 6,000 plastic Easter eggs were filled with candy and 250 Afghan kids participated in multiple egg hunts. About 500 Afghans along with over 70 volunteers from 16 churches attended the event. A team of 24 surveyed over 10 apartment complexes in Fremont and Union City in March to find out where and how they can connect with Afghan families.

January 2022 Missions Report

Global Gates (West Coast, US) – The takeover of Kabul in Afghanistan provided a great opportunity for the local (Bay Area) Afghan Church pastor to reach out to new arrivals. This ministry is continuing to thrive. Besides regular outreach events, during Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts were provided to families along with a copy of the gospel. Though now living in Wisconsin, Tim Fortescue is continuing to network with folks interested in ministry to Afghans and connecting them with the ministry in the Bay Area. Additionally, he has been able to make some connections with the new arrivals here as well as those in Wisconsin. Tim is putting more focus on organizational fundraising and as a result, Global Gates ended 2021 financially healthy. He is thankful for BACBC's continued partnership with them.

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Attached is the last newsletter from Tim Fortescue (it was from Christmas 2021; however was not made available to the church family) Recently he sent a card to the missions team expressing his gratitude for BACBC's continued support of Global Gates, his family and the ministry work they are doing.

Attached are some newsletters from their sending organization with updates about the ministry their organization is doing in other creative access places and quotes by people representing some of the groups they are reaching.

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



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December 2021

Bay Area Chinese Bible Church
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Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your November gifts totaling \$400.00 to TF Ministry--52000 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.

I'm praying that this will be a blessed Christmas for you.

This Christmas we've seen unprecedented numbers of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Sikhs in global gateway cities across North America and around the world hearing the gospel story for the first time.

Jesus came into our world so that every man, woman, and child might know that God loves them so much that He sent His only begotten Son for them. Your prayerful support of Global Gates missionaries is translating this message into new life for countless unreached peoples.

Thank you, dear friend. Merry Christmas!

Grateful for you,

David Garrison
Executive Director, Global Gates



Merry Christmas

From the Fortescues

Dear Friends @BACBC,

we're so grateful for your
Partnership!

Greetings from Wisconsin! It's hard to find the words to begin this end of the year check-in. It's been a lot folks, it's been a lot...

We left California at the end of August and arrived in Wisconsin a week later, excited, confident, and expecting that we'd be staying with Tessa's mom, Mary, for a few weeks before buying a place in our new hometown of Mount Horeb, outside of Madison. Almost four months later, we're still living with Mary (bless her) in Monroe, driving the kids to school about 35 minutes away, and the real estate market has all but shuttered its windows until spring. Initially, transitioning to new schools was a little rocky, culture shock was a bit more than we'd anticipated, as were the unexpected pangs of sadness for aspects of our life in California that we'd left behind. It has felt like a prolonged Advent of sorts.

Waiting...not knowing how things will unfold and trying to trust that God is with us in this season of transition. And, while we wait, there is also the sweetness of regularly seeing Tessa's mom and dad, sister and brother-in-law, the kids' cousins, and other relatives and friends. There is the gift of a supportive community of people who've known us for years and who love us. There is the beauty of vast sunsets and star-filled night skies unblocked by cityscape, rolling hills, oak groves, and space to really exhale. There is so much goodness and sweetness in being here, even as we process so many changes.



During this season of Advent, we've been thinking about Mary (the mother of Jesus, not the mother of Tessa,) who had her own season of waiting that we can only imagine must have been filled with doubt, fear, and ultimately, her surrender to God. It's written in Luke that the angel reminded her "*The Lord is with you*" and, "*Be not afraid*", and then, Mary answered "Yes". She jumped off a cultural cliff and was taken on a journey she could have never imagined. She bore and raised the Prince of Peace, who showed us what God looks like and who taught us how to live in love--not fear.

As our country becomes more divided and more uncertain, Tessa and I cling to these messages of hope that were given to Mary in a similarly dark time. *The Lord is with you. Be not afraid.* And when we steep ourselves in this place of Christ-with-us and this knowledge that God cares for us, there's a little more ease, a little more ability to see and participate in the kingdom of God, right here and now (which, if we're honest, doesn't always feel triumphant or confident...it can feel like Mary...young and shaky, and it can be mixed with doubt and grief.)

While we moved to Wisconsin of our own accord, thousands of desperate Afghan refugees were being transferred here at the same time. Many with only the clothes they were wearing when they fled their country. When we updated you in October, I was settling into my work in organizational development and fundraising with Global Gates as well as networking with others to partner with Afghan ministries in the Bay Area and throughout the country. I continue this work as churches reach out to me, desiring to come alongside Afghan refugees here in Wisconsin as well as in California. Another project I've spent considerable time on in my development role was getting Global Gates vetted by an organization that works with donors who annually give generously to many ministries. I applied for a \$200,000 grant from one of their clients and we're thankful to say that Global Gates passed the vetting process and was granted the funds. One way this grant will be used is to subsidize funding for our ethnic partners, (such as Afghan, Iranian and West African Christians in ministry who may face more challenges with fund-raising due to language barriers and/or a more limited network of supporters.) They can also be put towards community crisis funds (ie. assisting recent Afghan refugees) as we try to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Lastly, these funds can also be put towards starting a retirement fund for Global Gates personnel, as many do not have the capacity to do this on their own.

During this time of transition, it's been orienting to have the consistency of this meaningful work, even as there are so many other changes happening around us. It's also been a sobering reminder that our upheaval was our choice. We weren't fleeing a violent regime or fearing for our daughters' safety. We ask for your continued prayer for the people of Afghanistan; that they would experience Christ's healing in their hearts, and for justice and peace in their homeland.



In closing, may the words offered to a frightened young girl in Nazareth some two millennia ago take root in our own hearts; *The Lord is with you. Be not afraid.* And may we--moment to moment and day by day--find a way to our own "Yes". Yes, to the way of the Lord...humble, gentle, patient, forgiving, and compassionate. Yes, to loving and caring for our neighbors as ourselves. Yes, to actively looking for and rejoicing in goodness and beauty, while making space to grieve all that is broken. A yes that allows us to surrender and trust that we are in the hands of a loving God. And yes to whatever helps us root ourselves in the peace of Christ.

The Lord is with thee! Fear not...

Tessa and I are so thankful for your prayers and support.

Grace and peace,

Tim and Tessa

P.S. Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of our ministry. If you'd like to send a year-end gift, 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.



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March 2022

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Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your February gifts totaling \$400.00 to TF Ministry--52000 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.

Beginning April 2, hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world will observe the month of Ramadan with fasting and prayer for God to speak to them personally. We're adding our own prayers that God will reveal to them His Son, Jesus Christ. This month we are sending you a complimentary copy of the "30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World" prayer booklet.

Once again this year, all of the articles in the "30 Days Prayer Guide" were written by Global Gates missionaries with stories of how God is at work in the Muslim communities where we are serving, and how you can pray for them here as well as in the homelands from which they come.

Your gifts to the work of Global Gates are making it possible for us to lead thousands of prayer warriors to lift up these unreached communities. Thank you for joining us in this vital ministry as we ask God to speak to the world's Muslim men, women, and children to encounter the living Lord Jesus Christ. None of this would be possible without your sacrificial and generous support. God bless you, dear friend, for partnering with us.

Grateful for you,

David Garrison
Executive Director, Global Gates



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April 2022

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your gifts so far this year totaling \$1,200.00 to TF Ministry--52000 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.

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

As an Easter people, we rejoice at the new life that God has made possible for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Around the world, new communities of Easter People are celebrating their first ever Resurrection Day.

When you give to Global Gates, our partnership together brings Christ's resurrection hope into communities that have no hope.

Blessings,

David Garrison
Executive Director, Global Gates





“Jesus Still Meets Us”

April 2022

Dear Ministry Partner,

In Matthew 28, Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” went to the tomb of Jesus filled with grief. Then, we read, “*Suddenly, Jesus met them.*” Their lives, and the world, were changed forever.

Last month, a team of your Global Gates missionaries and Pathways Texas interns were granted rare permission to enter a restricted country on the Arabian Peninsula. One of the young missionaries named *Sarah had been repeatedly moved in her quiet time by an impression of a woman sitting beside a pool of water weeping. Sarah didn’t know what this meant until she was inside the Arab country and saw, sitting beside a pool of water, a woman named *Fatima who was quietly sobbing.

Immediately, Sarah went to Fatima and sought to comfort her. After she and *Rachel, another Global Gates missionary, shared the gospel with Fatima, Fatima asked, “*How can I know Jesus?*” Suddenly, Jesus met them, and Fatima invited Jesus into her heart as her Savior and Lord.

Jesus still meets us, suddenly, unexpectedly, and changes our world forever. This is happening through the ministry of your Global Gates missionaries here in global gateway cities and wherever God takes them around the world.

Your gracious gifts and prayerful support of our work are bringing the saving message of Jesus Christ to the world’s least-reached peoples, like Fatima.

God bless you, dear friend, for your generous support of the Lord’s work through Global Gates.

Grateful for you,

David Garrison
Executive Director, Global Gates



Quotes from the Field

“I would like to say something. I see how important it is to make disciples that make disciples. I will do this now.” - *Emeka, a Mossi man, to a Global Gates missionary

“Muslims need to know Jesus is the straight path.” - *Kwame, a Fulani man, to a Global Gates missionary

“I want to search out what the truth is and believe the truth. However I can get to paradise is what I want to believe.”
- *Asmaan, an Afghan Muslim man, to a Global Gates missionary

**Names changed for security reasons.*

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Jump in for 30 Days of Prayer Ramadan is underway, but it's not too late to pray for Muslims. The "30 DAYS Muslim World Prayer Guide" is an excellent Kingdom resource to lead you in prayer for our Muslim neighbors and their communities around the world. Your Global Gates missionaries collaborated with our friend **Paul Filidis** and his team at WorldChristian.com in producing the prayer guide for the second year in a row. This year's edition covers 15 Muslim people groups (Afghans, Bangladeshis, Fuuta Tooro, Iranians, Iraqis, Moroccans, Pakistanis, Palestinians, Rohingya, Saudis, Somalis, Soninke, Turks, Uyghurs, and Yemenis) with two articles apiece. One article will profile them overseas, and the second will show ways and opportunities to engage them in North America. You'll find compelling stories and helpful prayer points. You can purchase copies of the prayer guide online at tinyurl.com/30DaysPray22.

Give the Gift of God's Word God promises that His Word will not return void, but how can people respond unless they have God's Word in their own language? This is why every Global Gates missionary is committed to providing God's Word to their people group in their heart language. We need your help to provide Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions in the heart languages of the unreached peoples we are seeking to reach. Nothing is more urgent than providing God's Word in the languages of these unreached communities. Please consider contributing now to this invaluable resource.

Our fundraising goal is **\$50,000**. You can give online at tinyurl.com/GiveGodsWord.

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 (September 2022 - May 2023), 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 Graphic Designer

A Global Gates Graphic Designer will be responsible for creating high-quality graphics for the Global Gates and the UPG North America websites, UPG profiles and infographics, social media, brochures, and other online and print materials for educating, equipping, and empowering believers and the local church to engage in God's mission. He or she will also have the role of creating Facebook campaign graphics for our different Global Gates social media outreach teams. The hired worker must raise their own financial support for salary and ministry expenses. You can learn more about this job online at tinyurl.com/GGGraphicDesign.

Moving to Multiplication

July 2022

Dear Ministry Partner,

Your Global Gates missionaries have responded to the Afghan refugee crisis with a passion, love, and steadfast spirit that only God can give. I'm delighted to have one of them share about what God is doing among Afghans:

A new chapter began in the gateway city I serve in three months after Kabul fell to the Taliban. Afghan refugees began to pour in. More than 5,000 Afghan refugees arrived within a few months. This overwhelmed resettlement agencies, systems, resources, and many laborers.

There were weeks where we worked 12 to 16-hour days, sometimes six days a week, feeding, clothing, and demonstrating the love of Christ to Afghans in need. These refugees were hurting, scared, and hungry, and our team along with the larger body of Christ rose up and met the challenge. God brought some dear brothers and sisters to this city. Yet, they too were refugees, experiencing the same things as all the others. Our team was blessed to connect with them before they arrived and were prepared to welcome them.

We're excited to report that several families are now gathering as a church. Our team began training them in Disciple Making Movements, and they're now sharing Jesus with other Afghans. We baptized one Afghan, and have two Discovery Bible Study groups going. Please pray for the Afghan church in this gateway city and around the world. To God be the glory.

Your generous gifts and prayerful support of our work are bringing the saving message of Jesus Christ to our new Afghan neighbors in need. God bless you, dear friend, for your generous support of the Lord's work through Global Gates.

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David Garrison
Executive Director, Global Gates



Quotes from the Field

"I never knew the Bible existed in my language. This made me overwhelmingly happy. Jesus said to pray for laborers to enter the harvest field. May God train us up to be his laborers."

- **Kabul, a Soninke man, to a Global Gates missionary*

"10 years ago the mosques were packed in Yemen. I would go with my uncles, brothers, and father. Everyone did. Now, go to any mosque in Yemen, and they're empty! People are fed up. They blame the religious leaders for all our problems, and for the war. But people are still searching. Some turn to Communism. Some are just atheists. Some are turning to Christ."

- **Sulaimon, a Yemeni man, to a Global Gates missionary*

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Pray for Global Gates Leadership We announced last month that Dr. David Garrison will retire from his post as Global Gates' Executive Director effective Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022.

Garrison and his wife Sonia joined Global Gates in 2014 when he began serving as a member of the organization's Board of Directors. He was named Global Gates Executive Director the following year.

Global Gates is in the process of searching for new leadership at the executive level. Join us in asking God to grant our Board of Directors wisdom, guidance, and discernment throughout this process, and please pray for the new servant leaders He will raise up.

If you missed the announcement, you can read the full article online at tinyurl.com/DGtoRetire.

Give to the Global Gates' Benevolence Fund COVID-19 and the Afghan refugee crisis have placed many people in dire financial constraints. Those most affected are at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder. Many of these are new immigrants being served by your Global Gates missionaries. We gave benevolence funds to those hardest hit by the pandemic and to help Afghan refugees. These funds paid for funerals, groceries, rent, and other needs. Please help us replenish our benevolence fund, so we can keep serving needy populations in Jesus' Name. Our fundraising goal is **\$50,000**. You can give online at tinyurl.com/Give2Bless.

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Global Gates Needs a Director of Communications

The Director of Communications develops and oversees the sharing of Global Gates' vision, news, and opportunities to the public through letters, email campaigns, social media, videos, UPG North America initiative, and the Global Gates website. The Director of Communications also oversees the communication of Global Gates and information to its employees. We'll provide the bulk of the funds, while the hired worker will raise a small amount to help cover salary and ministry expenses. Learn more at tinyurl.com/CommJobGG.