



## MISSIONS FOCUS

From bulletin: January 29, 2023

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

### **Tim & Tess Fortescue**

Global Gates, Development and Ministry

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

Their update is themed around "order, disorder, reorder" which is explained in the update. God has used the recent disorder brought by Covid-19--a global pandemic, political and social upheaval in our country and around the world to uproot the Fortescue and place them in different related ministries in a different state where they are thriving and stretching their faith. Along with raising development (funds) for the organization, he also focuses on communication and effective mobilization by connecting people and their ministries with foundations and partnerships.

While reviewing potential ministry locations in Chicago, he met a Moroccan Arab pastor who is working with one of the few Moroccan Arab Churches in the West. They are hoping to use some of the funds they raise to support this work. "To some degree, our faith communities are only as healthy as their leadership. (and) Supporting Christian leaders in their own personal healing has ripple effects that go out to every aspect of their communities. Lives of unhealed Christian leaders have devastated faith communities and led others to walk away from the church."

100% of funds he raises for Global Gates go to organizational initiatives as well as to indigenous ministry workers. As a missionary, Tim must also raise his own support. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Their Christmas Newsletter 2022 and Global Gates October 2022 update follows.

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

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# Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Bay Area Chinese Bible Church,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! The snow is falling today, and our dog Bruno is delighting in it. As I reflect on the last two years, I'm reminded of Richard Rohr's teaching about order, disorder, and reorder. Rohr uses the terms in the context of one's faith journey, but they also apply to life in general. I had been doing ministry in the Bay Area for almost 20 years and life was generally ordered and settled for me and our family. Then came March of 2020—few of us could've predicted the global pandemic and the political and social upheaval that was only exacerbated by the COVID crisis. Enter (great) disorder. In the midst of this disorder, our family decided to move across the country with the hopes of a slower and more sustainable life. What we thought would be a one-month house search turned into eight months. More disorder. There was discomfort and unknowns mixed with hopeful expectation of what was to come at both the micro and macro level. The latter half of this year has been a time of settling into a new home, a new rhythm, and a new chapter of life. A season of reorder. In all of this, our family is so grateful for you, and for your partnership on this unfolding journey.



In May we began settling into our new home and the kids are now halfway through their second year at their new school. They have made some good friends, and also look forward to the weekends when they visit their cousins and family in Monroe. Kai (11) takes piano lessons from Tia Clare and Safa (8) looks forward to her violin lessons. They both continue to enjoy their acting class at a local studio. Lucy and Jules (5) are kindergarten pros and love playing with Bruno and dressing up with Safa. Tessa continues to see California clients remotely in her therapy practice and after 15 months is finally licensed in Wisconsin as well. She's enjoying assisting in a multi-month somatic training as well as starting to find connection and community at the local yoga studio. I've continued to do development and fundraising with Global Gates, as well as participate on a team focusing on communication and broader mobilization. I value working "behind the scenes", particularly for a fairly young and growing organization like Global Gates. In my last update, I wrote about the opportunity that I have to raise funds for Afghan and other immigrant pastors and church leaders who are often the most skilled at sharing the Good News of Jesus among their own communities. I was reminded of this when I joined David Garrison in September to preview some potential Global Gates work in Chicago. In my development role, part of my job is to connect with foundations and to manage grants received. One of these grant proposals included the need for more Global Gates work in this particular gateway city. There is a large population of Moroccan Arabs in Chicago and on this trip, I learned about a Moroccan Arab pastor from a Muslim background that David met, who is pastoring one of the few (maybe only) Moroccan Arab Churches in the West. We're exploring opportunities from grant funds received to support this pastor's work.

I've been spending some of my free time seeing clients through my coaching practice, which has been really life-giving. For the last several months I've been a part of two IFS (Internal Family Systems) trainings, and as I get more experience as a coach, I'm in talks with Global Gates' leadership about partnering more in a member care role. This also feels personally important to me as we're in the midst of a national mental health crisis, and our churches are not immune to this. To some degree, our faith communities are only as healthy as their leadership and supporting Christian leaders in their own personal healing has ripple effects that go out to every aspect of their communities. Private struggle and unhealed aspects of Christian leaders in this country have devastated faith communities and have led others to walk away from church all together, a national trend that is on the rise. I feel honored to be a part of people's journey towards healing and wholeness and hope to do more of this work in the future. Christ calls us to life and life abundant (John 10:10). I believe he wants us to be free of what binds us so we can have greater capacity to love ourselves and others—and with this love—bring about the kingdom of God. If you're interested in this work and want to learn more, I'm always excited to chat about it.

So, all that to say, we are looking forward to the new year and all the possibilities that it has to offer! While it feels like a season of reorder, there are times of disorder as well, and we are grateful for Emmanuel—God with us—during these times. As you know, I raise my own salary and I want to say again that I am so appreciative of the ways you support me and my family. Because of your partnership, I can use my skills and experience to raise necessary financial support for the pastors and ministry workers on the front lines. Many of these workers have limited American networks, limited funds, and multiple obstacles to the work they feel called to do; being the hands and feet of Christ to their own people and sharing God's love in their native language and cultural contexts. I feel honored to be able to support them as I do, and I couldn't do this without your help. 100% of the grant money and funds I help secure for Global Gates go to organizational initiatives as well as to these indigenous ministry workers. Given this, we are hoping to raise \$10,000 to help subsidize my own salary so I can continue serving in this way. I invite you to prayerfully consider a donation towards this, and if you feel so led, you can give a tax-deductible donation using the provided response card and envelope or you can give directly to our account online at [bit.ly/52000TF](https://bit.ly/52000TF) or by scanning the QR Code below with your phone.

Wishing you all grace and peace,

Tim and Tessa



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Thanks for your  
Partnership. We're  
grateful for you!





## Global Gates Welcomes New Pathways Interns

October 2022

Dear Ministry Partner,

Vibrant-colored foliage and crisp October nights have returned. What a creative Creator we have, who shows his glory through seasons. Fall is here, but I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize the latest edition of Global Gates' Pathways Internship. I'm delighted to have our Director of Pathways, Tom Hearon, share about what God is doing:

Global Gates' fourth annual Pathways Internship launched at the end of August. In addition to our group of five in Houston, we opened our first satellite hub in Dallas-Fort Worth. We are excited for the interns and leaders that God raised up. They will receive training in best practices to engage the nations.

The challenges of the lost world have never been greater. As much as we offer ourselves in love, will the nations receive and believe the message we share? I am reminded of the words of Isaiah: "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, *"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell this people: Be ever hearing, but never understanding"* (Isaiah 6:8-9, NIV).

After Jesus delivered The Parable of the Sower, the Seed, and the Soils (Mark 4:1-8), his disciples asked why he taught in stories. Jesus responded by quoting the prophet, *"that they may be ever hearing but never understanding."* In response to God's call, these interns have offered themselves, "Send me!" But will the multitudes be willing to hear and understand? We must all develop our skills, measure our expectations for an immediate response, and press on in faith, hope, and love. Please be praying for these eight interns and their leaders.

Your generous gifts and prayerful support make it possible for us to train and equip the next generation of missionaries. God bless you, dear friend.

Grateful for you,

David Garrison  
Executive Director, Global Gates



### Quotes from the Field

"Jesus is God. The one true God ... Real God."

– *\*Manjeet, a Punjabi Christian woman from a Hindu background, to a Global Gates missionary*

"I came here thinking that I could never share the gospel. You trained us to do it so naturally. When we got invited into an Afghan home, I was able to share the gospel. I can go home and continue to do this every week."

– *A volunteer to a Global Gates missionary*

"I did not know talking to West African Muslims was this easy. They're like you and me needing to hear about God's grace."

– *A volunteer to a Global Gates missionary*

*\*Name changed for security reasons.*

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## Keep Praying for Global Gates Leadership

We announced five months ago 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](https://tinyurl.com/DGtoRetire).

**Give to the Global Gates' General Fund** Global Gates depends on the prayers and generous financial support of our ministry partners. Your sacrificial giving makes it possible for our missionaries to engage the world's most unevangelized people groups throughout North America. Thank you for holding the rope!

Please give a special gift of **\$1,000, \$500, \$250, or some other amount** to the Global Gates' General Fund at [tinyurl.com/Give2GenFund](https://tinyurl.com/Give2GenFund) to help us strengthen our Great Commission efforts. Generosity fuels the mission.

**Fundraising goal: \$50,000**

**You're Invited to the Heart for Muslims Conference** Did you know where you live, work, and play can be strategic for reaching Muslims? God wants Muslims to know him. As a part of his redemptive plan to bring salvation to all peoples, he brought Muslims to our cities, neighborhoods, workplaces, college campuses, schools, shopping malls, markets, grocery stores, restaurants, gyms, and parks.

They're at our very doorstep. Global Gates desires for believers in North America to see the mission field right in front of them. A great way to learn more about this amazing opportunity is to join us for the eighth annual Heart for Muslims Conference.

It will take place **Saturday, Nov. 5** at Trinity Baptist Church in New York, NY. The theme for this year's conference will be the power of proximity - how your culture, location, and shared experiences can bring Jesus to Muslims. You can register and learn more about the Heart for Muslims Conference online at [heartformuslims.com](https://heartformuslims.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Help Us Build [UPGNorthAmerica.com](https://upgnorthamerica.com)

As you might know, Global Gates workers and other like-minded co-laborers created [UPGNorthAmerica.com](https://upgnorthamerica.com). This Kingdom resource was made to guide the people of God in praying for our unreached Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Jewish neighbors in North America. It offers a variety of tools, including virtual prayer walks through ethnic enclaves. There are locations for virtual prayer walks that need to be provided, virtual prayer walks that need to be made, and people group profiles that need to be written. You can learn more about how you can contribute online at <https://upgnorthamerica.com/contribute/>.

The **UNREACHED** are  
**AWAKENING.**





**Matt\***, Global Gates missionary in Pennsylvania, was meeting with an Iraqi refugee who had recently relocated with her children from North Carolina, her entry point to the US. A Global Gates worker in North Carolina had shared her contact info so that she would have help in Pennsylvania. During their conversation, the woman suddenly said, "Here, talk to my brother," and handed a very surprised Matt her phone with a WhatsApp call already started. As he talked with her brother **Jadeed\***, Matt sensed something more was going on. After he left the meeting, he called **Jadeed** directly to find out what.

**Jadeed** had fled Iraq and was living in a neighboring country. One night he had two dreams. First, he entered a house with many people he did not know and sat in a large circle of chairs. Suddenly, a majestic person entered the room and everyone was in awe. He felt he knew this person but did not remember who he was. The man smiled at each person in turn. When the man looked at **Jadeed** with eyes full of caring, he said, "Come unto me."

**Jadeed** awoke and was troubled by this dream and the identity of this unknown man. When he fell back asleep, he had a second dream but so many questions remained. About a week later, **Jadeed** had a third dream.

This time, the man was carrying a lamb on his shoulders and simply said to him, "Come unto me, you who are lost." This time, he searched on the internet "Who is a man with a lamb on his shoulders?" The answer came back: "Jesus."

**THIS TIME, HE SEARCHED ON THE INTERNET "WHO IS A MAN WITH A LAMB ON HIS SHOULDERS?" THE ANSWER CAME BACK: "JESUS."**

Almost two years later, his sister in the US introduced him to **Matt** on WhatsApp.

**Jadeed** shared how he wanted to know more about Jesus but struggled with Christians saying Jesus was God. After hearing about his dreams, **Matt** told him that these words from his dreams were also found in the Bible. He encouraged **Jadeed** to read it for himself and learn who Jesus really is.

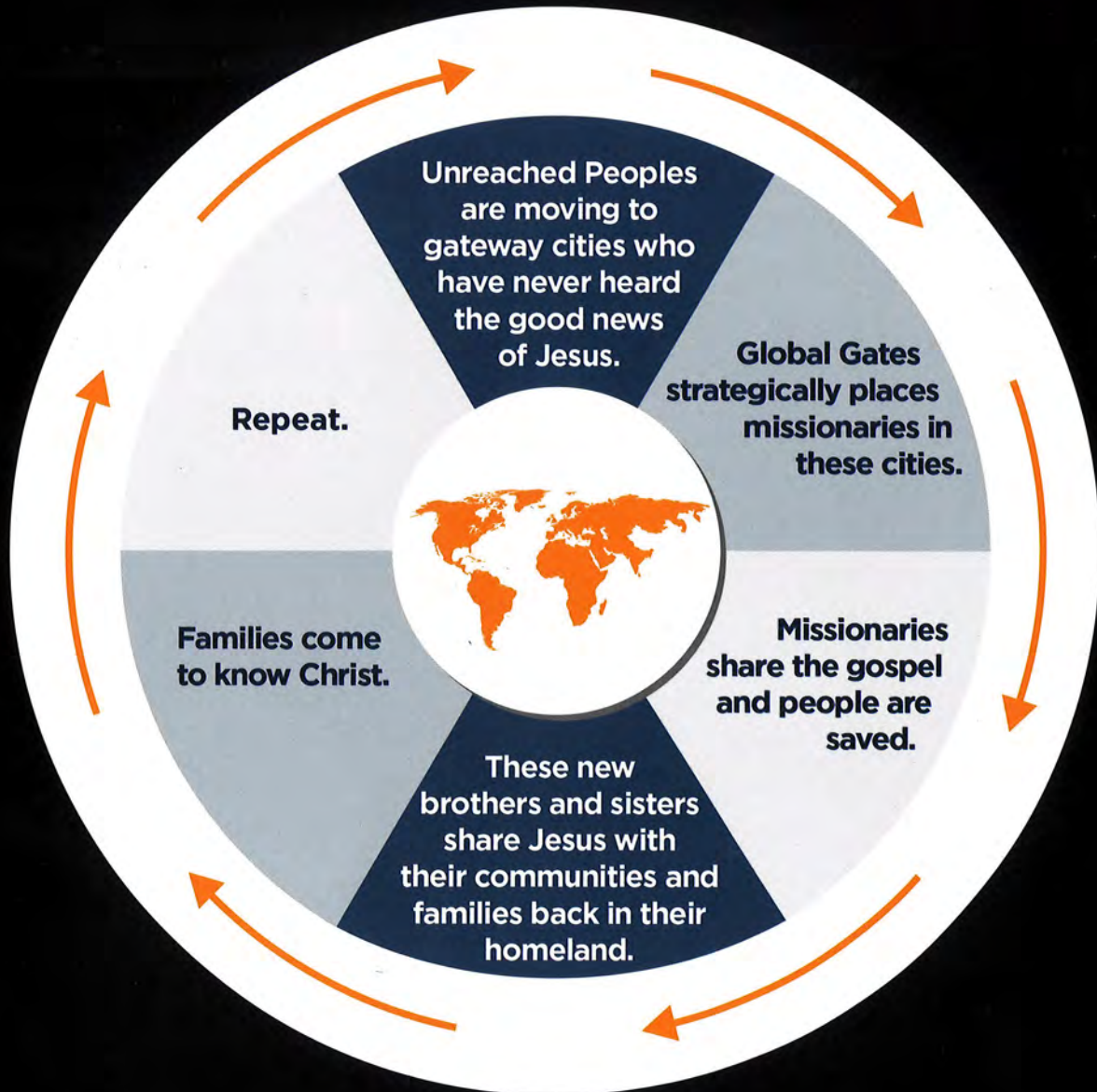
**Jadeed** did just that, and over the next month read the entire New Testament! When he talked with **Matt** again, he said he was convinced from the Scriptures that Jesus was God and that he wanted to follow him. Since then, **Jadeed** has led 17 others to faith in Christ. Because they are scattered in several countries as refugees, they have started a WhatsApp Bible study together. Global Gates exists because we see, in stories like **Matt's** and **Jadeed's**, that God is truly at work reaching the ends of the earth through global gateway cities.

The unreached are awakening.



# God is doing something new!

*The unreached are awakening.*



## Our goal:

*More Jadeeds.*

*More Matts.*

*More Ministry Partners.*

## Through your support:

- Missionaries are sent to reach the nations in global gateway cities.
- Believers and churches are trained to share Jesus with the unreached next door.
- God is glorified as disciples of Jesus are made from all nations.

**Would you consider giving a one time gift?**



Will **YOU** join in?



# Reaching the ends of the earth through global gateway cities.



November 2022

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Dear Friend,

By his own admission, Bilad, a Bangladeshi Muslim, was a ruthless man, addicted to drugs and dangerous. But Bilad was in love. One day, he saw a beautiful girl on the street and determined that he must have her. She replied to him that she was a Christian. Though disappointed, he pressured the young woman into marriage, and afterwards he forbade her to practice her faith. "You are my wife," he said, "and you must become a Muslim."

Despite his pressure, she remained faithful and prayed for her husband. "Many times," Bilad said, "when I would find her with a Bible, I took it from her and threw it away." Then, something happened that God used to change Bilad's heart.

"My three-year-old daughter was sick from birth," he said. "We tried many hospitals and doctors. At night, I cried out to Allah, but he never responded." One morning, Bilad's little daughter said to him, "Papa, please allow momma to hold a prayer meeting in our home for me."

That same day, a group of Christians arrived at Bilad's home to lay hands on the girl and pray for her in Jesus's name. "I have never seen anything like this," Bilad exclaimed. "I felt the presence of God in my home." That very hour, Bilad's daughter was healed.

"Today," Bilad says, "I am sharing the joy of salvation with everyone." Along with his wife and children, Bilad now meets regularly with our Global Gates missionary to worship God and grow in his new faith.

When you give to Global Gates Network, you are making an investment in the Kingdom of God for people like Bilad. Thank you for partnering with us to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, to people like Bilad.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Blessings,

David Garrison

Executive Director, Global Gates

*P.S.  
We're so thankful  
for you and your  
partnership with  
Global Gates!*

\*Names in stories are changed for security reasons.

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# THE UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS OF NORTH AMERICA

VIEW THEM ALL →

**Visual Prayer Gallery**

Unreached people groups can be defined as "all those people who have not yet heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ... they are largely uncontacted and unevangelized by the gospel of Jesus Christ." These people groups are located all over the world, through the entire Earth. Through this site, you can discover more hidden groups of people in need of the gospel, and you can contribute to their spiritual needs through prayer. Through the Unreached People Groups of North America, you can virtually pray for these people through the Unreached People Groups of North America. Through the Unreached People Groups of North America, you can virtually pray for these people through the Unreached People Groups of North America. Through the Unreached People Groups of North America, you can virtually pray for these people through the Unreached People Groups of North America.

**Other Unreached People Groups**

**AFGHANS IN GREATER MONTREAL**

Population Size	9,219
Geographical Area	South-Western Canada
Other Areas	Brookland
Primary Religion	Islam
Primary Country of Origin	Algeria
Primary Language	Pashto, Southwestern
Priority Score	58



**Virtual Prayer Walks**

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