



***Pray for Us as We Enter this New Chapter of Life on Mission Together!***

Dear Gospel Partner,

Sara Ann and I received unanimous approval from Global Gates to serve as missionaries among Moroccan Arabs this morning!

We are very excited, and we're thankful for all your prayers, encouragement, and support the past couple months as we navigated Sara Ann's application process, our marriage assessment, six-hour interview, assessment from the interview team, and board deliberation! We're so grateful for you. Thank you so much!

We will spend the first two thirds of the year in Raleigh focused on fundraising, getting equipped, and team building before our lease expires this summer. We'll collaborate with our coach to hone church planting and multiplication skills as a couple, develop fundraising efforts, partner with churches to mobilize gospel work among Moroccan Arabs, and continue efforts to learn Darija (Moroccan Arabic).

We also will work with Global Gates in seeking the Lord on identifying a top five city in North America that is strategic for reaching Moroccan Arabs as we seek God's guidance for where he wants us to serve next.

Just to update you, we've scheduled our first vision trip! It will be to [Astoria Queens, NY](#), which has the second highest concentration of Moroccan Arabs in North America! We'll also participate in a Four Fields Intensive Training led by another Global Gates missionary and worker from a different organization while we're in New York.

This training will be a great opportunity for us to learn and network with other missionaries. We depart Wednesday, Jan. 24, and return Thursday, Feb. 1. Please pray for us as we continue to make travel preparations, and lift us up in prayer during our trip.

We've jumped into our language-learning journey since connecting with Sara Ann's old language teacher earlier this fall, and have completed three classes of Darija thus far. Sara Ann is a natural, and I'm encouraged with how I've been picking it up.

Please pray for God's continued favor as we seek to learn Darija. We have much to learn, but we know God is with us. Please join us in lifting our language teacher, who is a Moroccan Christian from a Muslim background, up in prayer.

**There are 10 days left in 2023! As you prepare to enter 2024, please let us encourage you to prayerfully consider making a gospel impact by giving a special end-of-year gift to our work and ministry with Global Gates. Or, if you're not already, please prayerfully consider joining us on mission through prayer and monthly financial support at \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, or some other amount that is significant to you.**

We depend on the faithful prayers and generous financial support of God's people, and we're so grateful for those of you who partner with us through your prayers and generosity! Thank you for holding the rope! God bless you!

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*Merry Christmas  
from the Dosters!*

**“For to us a child  
is born, to us a son  
is given.” - Isaiah 9:6**



***Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!***

Sara Ann and I pray you experience the joy and peace of Immanuel - *God with us* - this Christmas, and taste of God's grace through the gift of a fresh start as we enter 2024. May you feel the nearness of his presence in tangible ways this holiday. He loves you, he's for you, and he's with you. These are promises we're clinging to this Christmas, which feels different than what we've both experienced in years past.



## ***More than Your Typical Haircut***

Several months ago a Jordanian Muslim friend here in the area gave me a recommendation for a barber. He said you need to go visit my Iraqi friend, so I took him up on that. I've been pleased with this decision!

By God's grace, I've been able to build a friendship with this barber, who is a Muslim. I've tried to bless his business, and he's also allowed me to pray for him on multiple occasions.

My last appointment with him was Monday, Dec. 11. When I arrived for my

haircut and shave he was just wrapping up a phone call with his parents. After he hung up he told me about a bad dream he had about something terrible happening to his parents, so he called to make sure they were okay.

This was a great opportunity to show him compassion and empathy, and talk about the pain I've experienced from losing my mom along with the hope that I have. I referenced Psalm 34:7, which talks about God's nearness to those who are hurting. I also shared about if we know Jesus, then we can grieve with hope (1 Thes. 4:13-18).

Later in the conversation, I told him about my time with the Lord and what I read that morning in Luke 1:26-38 about the Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary to tell her she'd give birth to Jesus.

He shared a little about what he believed, and said, "Oh, we have that same story in the Quran."

I asked if it would be okay with him if I shared what I believe. He said sure. So, I shared the gospel, walking him through creation, the fall, the prophets, and culminated it with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. I explained how we deserve death because of our sin, but God offers us eternal life through Jesus (Rom. 6:23).

He listened to everything I shared, and I was able to pray for my friend and his family before I left.

Please pray for the gospel seeds that were planted. May God open his eyes to see the truth and beauty of the gospel, and to the person and work of Jesus. May he be drawn to Christ in repentance and faith. Ask God to save him and his family.



**Pray for the Doster Family  
serving with Global Gates  
among North African Arabs.**

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You can give online at [tinyurl.com/DosGGGivingPage](https://tinyurl.com/DosGGGivingPage).

## ***Thank You!***

Sara Ann and I pray that you enjoy a blessed Christmas, and have a sweet time with family, friends, and loved ones. Thank you for helping us advance the gospel among Moroccan Arabs here in the Triangle and in their ends of the earth communities back in Morocco.

You're helping to make our work and ministry with Global Gates possible through your prayers and financial support. We're so grateful for you! God bless you! Merry Christmas, and happy New Year!

Until all have heard,

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