## June 25-July 01

One birthday and no anniversaries.

June 11, 2023
Contribution: \$2,374.00
Attendance: 26
June 18, 2023
Contribution: \$320.00
Attendance: 23

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## Welcome to the Alpine church of Christ

June 25, 2023



## Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God.



What are Charles and Chris up to on this blistery, hot summer day? They created two new picnic benches.

## The most recent Dearborn, Michigan update by Wissam Al-Aethawi

Our summer outreach has started in Dearborn's city parks. I had to miss our kickstart day and be with the *Manara* group visiting a local church to be equipped to take the gospel to their Muslim neighbors. Then in our second week, we were joined by a dedicated brother with his two sons (the only family in the brotherhood around the Dearborn area that have actively been involved in the Arab ministry, go figure,) and we had a study with a Yemeni young man. The Muslim man received an Arabic copy of *The Road to Your Happiness*. You are invited to join the fun in person and comply with the Great Commission if you happen to be anywhere near Dearborn.

A Chechen former Muslim who lives in Norway, likewise, is learning about Christ and will be given another copy of the book above by a Christian couple, and so can you to *your* Muslim friend.

But not all evangelism stories are encouraging. A Florida brother had a Palestinian man working with him who sounded like he was interested in learning about Christ. When the former called me, he expressed his concern by literally saying "I have wife and kids." I called the mid-fifties Muslim man and he did express his desire to study the gospel. I mailed him a copy of the New Testament and a copy of *The Road to Your Happiness* and told him we will have a remote study once he receives them. The brother called and said that the man said he was ready to be baptized into Christ. Hours later, the former Muslim said he needed another five hundred dollars to see his mom in California "or he will renounce the Christian faith." The brother's agony was clear in his voice as he told me that on the phone.

Although I am not familiar with any mass shooting that was done by an Islamic terrorist in a U.S. church, the *Security Leaders Coalition* invited me to speak on Islam at their meeting this past Tuesday. I could recognize multiple attendees who carry concealed weapons in local congregations to protect the worshippers as they prepare their minds for the Lord's Supper.

I preached on Repentance in my congregation. I preached on God's Providence on Zoom the week after but the video was not recorded.

I will need a traveler count for the 2024 Iraq Tour. This year we plan to land in northern Iraq, visit Nineveh and the tombs of Jonah and Nahum, drive south to Baghdad, then Babylon, Ur and the Marshlands, and we will all be back home before the beginning of Ramadan on March 11. We cannot accept any more requests after September, as we need to make our plans based on the actual, not prospective, number of travelers. This is a Bible land/ mission adventure and not a luxury cruise so I suggest you feel you are fully invested before you sign up, neither do you need to be with us the entire duration of the trip (you can join us later and/or leave earlier based on your time and/or finances.)

The *Jiran* music outreach continues every other Friday and out park outreach every Monday. I will speak to a North Carolina mission/soccer team on Monday. I will be on my annual visit to Pennsylvania, where I will take part in Ephraim Stoltzfus outreach during the Muslim Feast of Sacrifices (the generous former Amish, subject of a BBC documentary, is inviting you and will provide for your lodging.) Let me know if you need his phone number and contact him directly in this regard. (ACM—ISSUE No. 117\_