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WINTER AND SPRING have been very busy with trips to Uganda and Phoenix, as well as regular children's ministry in the Rochester area and adult ministry on Western New York college campuses. Summer promises to be full of gospel opportunities, too!

ONE NEW DEVELOPMENT this past year involved running weekly Bible clubs, in conjunction with local churches, at two public schools and one apartment complex: East Rochester Elementary, Lakeshore Elementary, and Creek House Commons. At East Rochester, we had mostly second and third graders, of whom very few regularly attend church. Some have fatherless homes or parents with addiction issues. While ministering in Lakeshore Elementary, we had an older crowd of mostly fourth and fifth graders. At least three of them were children of inmates. We could already see skepticism and unbelief among them with questions such as, "How could Jesus be sinless?" and "Is God really a Trinity?" Creek House Commons has a faithful and curious core group that attends each week. Along with the ever-present family troubles, this group also shows the influence of Islam in our local communities, sometimes even asking questions about Mohammed and the Qur'an. Amazingly, despite personal hardships or current trends, each group is attentive to the Bible story. Always challenging, but always a wonderful opportunity to sow seeds for eternity into young hearts.



CREEK HOUSE COMMONS

FRUITFUL INTERACTIONS WITH MUSLIMS take place more and more frequently. At Buffalo State, Muslim girls from Yemen, Syria, and Somalia stopped to talk. The Yemeni had several questions about Scientology and if that was true Christianity! Locally in Rochester, the family of two young Muslim girls from Sudan, Minna and Nisreen, allowed me into their home to explain the Gospel to them. In Phoenix at the Arab Festival, we shared with high school exchange students from Turkey, Pakistan, and Jordan. A young Yemeni couple at the festival wanted to know why "the Comforter" in John 16 was not Mohammed. A large number of young Muslim children heard the Gospel, most for the first time, through object lessons at the festival and through the VBS we held at First Arabic Baptist Church. At a recent Rochester outreach for World Refugee Day, a Yemeni grandmother and her oldest granddaughter both took Christian literature in Arabic.



MEMORY VERSE AT LAKESHORE

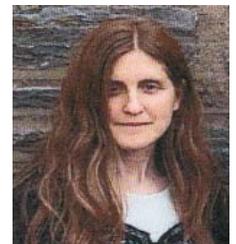
THIS AUGUST, Lord willing, will bring another outreach in Dearborn, Michigan, with Ministry to Muslims Network, an organization that has been a great blessing in coordinating outreaches to Muslims with both kindness and truth.



MESSAGE AT LAKESHORE

OVER THE SUMMER, children's ministry will continue in the parks, along with adult ministry at some usual Rochester "fishing holes": the public market, downtown, Ontario beach. Regular Bible clubs for kids will be held in East Rochester, in partnership with Koinonia Fellowship, and at Creek House Commons, in partnership with New Way Christian Faith Center.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your continued prayers and partnership in ministry! Should the Lord lead you to give financially, you can do so online at <http://oacusa.org/donate.php> or by mailing a check into OAC, P.O. Box D, Nazareth, PA 18064. If you are interested in specifically donating toward Muslim ministry, you can do so by attaching a notation with your check or by using the online dropbox under my name, "Chervenak Muslim ministry trip to Phoenix/Dearborn." The upcoming trip to Dearborn will cost about \$700. Thank you in advance for your support!



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EAST ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY



AT THE ARAB FESTIVAL



VBS WITH MUSLIM KIDS

