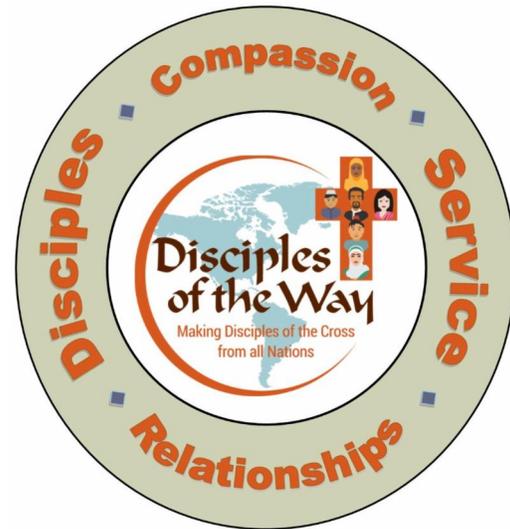


Disciples of the Way Ministries

A mission of the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod

“Sorry! No Cross, No Glory”

“Sorry! No Cross, No Glory!” is probably what Jesus had in mind when the Greeks came to Philip and John asking them 'We want to see Jesus' (John 12:20-22). As soon as Jesus heard about the new Gentile visitors coming to see him, he went straight to the Cross and said:



***“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will keep it for eternal life.”
- John 12:23-25***



You can imagine how the Greeks must have felt hearing Jesus talking about

death. 'Seriously? Is this the man who just raised Lazarus from the dead and performed miracles of healing? (John 12:17-18) Is he really asking us to give up everything we have, hate our lives, and follow him to death?' Mankind loves the idea of glory without suffering.

But Jesus set his face towards the Cross and said to his Father: "*Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father glorify your name.*" - John 12:27. Jesus was saying 'Father, Crucify me and Glorify your name'. We need to preach and do the Gospel of the Cross in order to make true disciples of The Way.

When hundreds of Muslims refugees come to Disciples of the Way seeking help for their families and their children at the Refugee Service Center (RSC) in Dallas, they don't expect us to speak or teach about the Crucified Jesus. The RSC is designed to provide free services to help refugee and immigrant families in Dallas become self-sufficient. Jesus dying on the Cross is the last thing a Muslim wants to discuss. Why? Because they too hate the language of the Cross and love the theology of the glory. Muslims deny the Crucifixion.

The Quran tells Muslims about all the other miracles Jesus performed except for the miracle of the Cross. Islam teaches that Allah "lifted Jesus up" from the Cross to himself alive and cast his likeness on someone else to save his prophet from suffering and dying. (John 12:32)

Disciples of the Way ministries exist to preach the truth about Christ and him crucified for all peoples. We focus on doing holistic ministry in a Christ-centered way by offering prayer, home visits, and Bible Studies alongside the Refugee Service Center (RSC) and educational programs because we believe that **relationships are built through service and compassion and discipleship is the product of relationships built on trust.**

We teach for the sake of saving one sinner, one family at the time, to redeem lost Muslim communities and bring hope into the world before Jesus returns. We rejoice with Jesus in finding and bringing even one lost sheep to his Father (Luke 15:4).

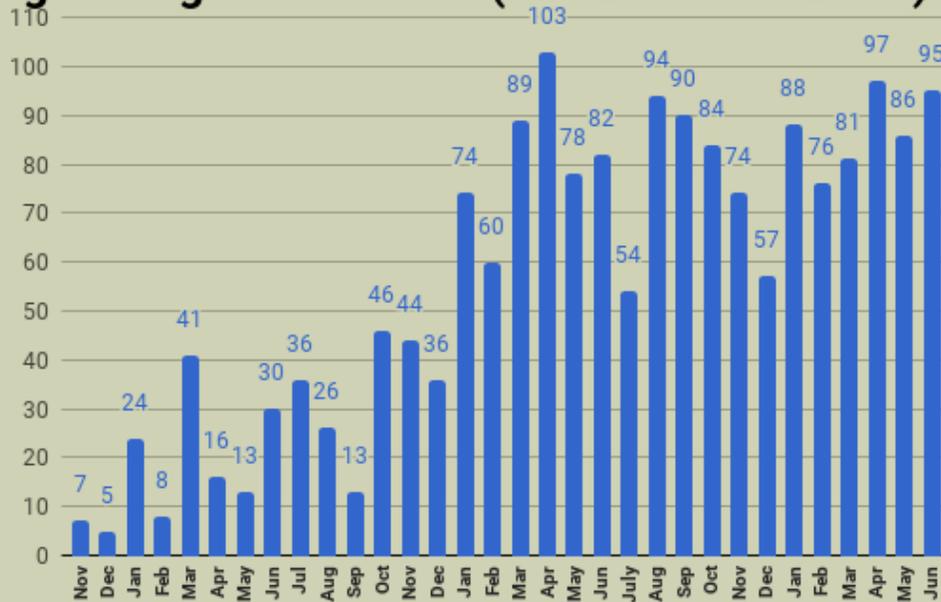
Sorry! No Cross, No Glory! Jesus himself said in John 12:32 "*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to myself.*" Jesus' death was necessary to give the fruits of forgiveness and the gift of salvation to all who believe! God is revealing himself to the Muslims in Dallas and they are coming to faith and being baptized in the name of the Triune God.

Let us pray: "Father, Glorify your name through the Cross!"

If you would like Rev. Karim Baidaoui to come to your church to teach and preach, call DOW's office at 214-369-1232.

Disciples of the Way Ministries also invites you, your church, or group to come and see our ministries. Please call the office to set up a time!

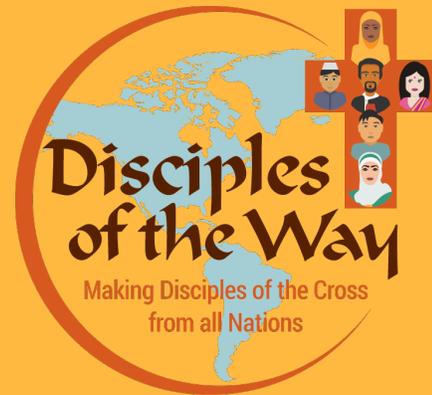
Refugee Neighbors Served (Nov 2016-Jun 2019)



The Refugee Service Center has offered over 1800 services through relationships.

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