



Sifting Week

**Metro New York / North Jersey
Central Asian Outreach**

PROJECT:

“Sifting Weeks” are a huge part of the day-to-day ministry we do. There are hundreds of thousands of Muslims in our area, many of whom are already searching and wondering about spiritual things. Your team will help us do the work of finding these *People of Peace*! That being said, this trip will be very heavy in prayer and personal evangelism. The only way to find *People of Peace* is to share Christ with people.

This year we will be focusing our efforts in Northern New Jersey. Your team members will engage people in the communities, learn about them, offer to pray for them, seek to share the Gospel with them, then ask them if they are willing to meet together again with their family/friends to hear more. *We believe new groups of people studying about Jesus together can start as a result of our Sifting Weeks!* Our prayer is that you would also gain something during this trip that you can return home with to be more effective in your own ministry.

Here’s a quick video on Global Gates’ Sifting Weeks: <https://vimeo.com/99602529>

DATES:

Sifting Week projects will each run for 5 days, Thursday-Sunday. These will be full days, from morning to evening, with one free day. See the tentative schedule below. ***Please arrive in NJ at least the day before the project date and plan to leave at least a day after the project date.***

June 20-23, 2024

June 27-30, 2024

The deadline to register for Sifting Weeks is May 17th, 2024

To Register your Group, or if you have any questions, email us at: nj_volunteers@globalgates.info

PARTICIPATION:

We suggest that teams consist of 6-12 people, and that all participants be 18 years of age or older. Please contact us to discuss other possibilities if you'd like to do something different.

PREPARATION:

Everyone who participates in a Sifting Week project **MUST** complete the required pre-trip training modules. These are designed to be covered in 4 meetings, with time in between to practice what you are learning. We recommend doing these every other week for 2 months. Please don't wait until the last minute to begin these training sessions. They are crucial to understanding our goals and being effective here.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

This is mission work, so our plans can (of course) change at any time. Generally, though, our week will entail morning large group meetings where we will worship together and have training time. We will break around lunchtime. Then, participants will go out into the community in groups of about 3, spending the rest of the day meeting people, praying with people, sharing the Gospel with people, distributing language-specific resources, etc. It is encouraged that groups also eat in the restaurants of the focus populations! We will debrief each day's activities the next day at our large group meeting. However, we do encourage teams to meet together at their hotel in the evenings to pray for people met during the day and to celebrate what God did.

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Orientation, Worship	Worship, Training	Worship, Training	Church
Afternoon	Prayer Walking	Sifting	Sifting	Sifting
Evening				Celebrate God's work

LOGISTICS:

- **Small Groups:** The team leader from your church/university will divide up your team into groups of about 3 for the time that is spent in the community. The team leader will be responsible for giving logistics to the rest of the team and being their point of contact for the duration of the trip.

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- **Clothing:** Please dress very modestly- NO shorts, no tight or revealing clothing, and no sleeveless shirts. The way you are dressed will impact people's ability to hear our message. We are interacting primarily with Muslims, and they will be dressed nicely (and not in shorts/tanks).
- **To Bring:** Make sure each person has comfortable shoes, a backpack, a water bottle, sunscreen, a clipboard or notebook, and a writing utensil for when you are out.
- **Cash:** A lot of the places you may be going do not accept cards OR charge extra fees. Please make sure everyone is prepared to use cash for meals and such.

PROJECT FEE:

The Global Gates Project Fee is **\$150 per participant**. This covers renting space for trainings, materials & resources we distribute, stipend for local workers, and other ongoing strategic projects. This payment should be made to Global Gates.

- Pay Online: bit.ly/CentralAsianHub-GIVE
- Pay by Mail: Send a check with "CA - Sifting Week" in the memo line to
Global Gates
236 W 72nd St.
NY, NY 10023

LODGING:

Hotels are probably the best option for a place to stay in our area. Please make sure the number of people per room matches up to what you're planning on (some rooms only hold 2 people or have fees for more than 2 people). For a hotel near where we'll be working, with free breakfast and free parking, expect somewhere around **\$100-120/person per night**, assuming the people on your team are okay with sharing a room.

Here are some hotels in or near *Clifton, NJ*. If you find a better rate, or choose to make other arrangements, please run it by us first before booking.

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Wayne (350 US-46, Wayne, NJ 07470)
- La Quinta Inn & Suites (265 Rte 3 East, Clifton, NJ 07014)
- Comfort Inn Paramus (50 N Rte 17, Paramus, NJ, 07652)
- Howard Johnson (680 NJ-3 West, Clifton, NJ 07012)
- Holiday Inn Express Meadowlands100 (Paterson Plank Road, Carlstadt, NJ 07072)

TRANSPORTATION:

There is public transportation in our area, but for the purposes of this trip, we highly suggest renting a vehicle. Using services like Uber and Lyft would also work and is easy to do, but will most likely be more expensive in the end, depending on where you are staying.

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We do recommend smaller vehicles (for ease of parallel parking!). When we did a rough estimate with the company listed below it came out to be basically the same cost (**\$1,000 for 7 days**) to do one 12-passenger van OR two 7-passenger SUVs (note: the costs of renting minivans have risen significantly, so we recommend getting SUVs or sedans depending on how many people are in your team).

- Enterprise (1316 Main Ave, Clifton, NJ 07011)

FOOD:

We strongly encourage lunch/dinner to be eaten at local ethnic restaurants. We encourage the teams to spend a good bit of time in restaurants and coffee and tea shops. Plan for a high estimate of **\$70 to \$100/day per person** for food, and you should be good to go.

