

The mission field is here; the time is now!

March 2015

Volunteer's Story

Greetings from "Sew & Sew On"

The sewing machines are humming with determination to sew a straight even line or make that curve. We have ten to twelve students signed up with about seven or eight per week attending. Many do not know the dynamics or function of a sewing machine. This requires one to one teaching. With only two or four ladies to help the students, many gals need to wait their turn. Then the group instruction starts, slowly, as we know we are also working with language barriers. A smile prevails and the visual lessons proceed.

One day we may be mending a garment, one day resizing a curtain to fit a window; only to wait until next week to get exact measurements of the window. Or we may repurpose a sari to be remade into a top for a daughter. What beautiful designs and colors are seen. Needless to say, there is never a dull moment, with exultation that a project is completed, or we (or they) learn each others' sign language, or one word to complete one seam. It is definitely one stitch at a time or stitches removed one at a time.

We thank all who have shared their sewing notions, fabric, sewing machines and so much more. A baggie with a large amount of red ric rac was found and will be put on a dress that one of our ladies made. We saw a huge smile of happiness, words are not always needed.

Anyone with some sewing skills will be welcomed with open arms. Please, stop in at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 869 7th Avenue SE, Rochester, on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. (or earlier). It would be good to have a one to one person mentoring.

Thank you to all for "sewing" God's gifts of sharing and helping others.

Sincerely, Carolyn Walk and Ardella Brenner.

To find out more about POBLO....

If you are curious about what POBLO is and does, call to schedule a time to observe our ESL classes and sewing classes.

"Let none hear you idly saying, 'There is nothing I can do...'"

Thank you...

...to Trinity Lutheran Church in Rochester for donating winter clothing

Missionary John Gayed's Update

We are celebrating the faithfulness and goodness of our Lord as we just finished the first year of weekly food distribution. Except for one time in the whole year, we served about 12-15 families a week. *"Many thanks to the generosity of Trader Joe's."*

March 5th will be the first day of the 2nd year. Last year we got about \$22,000.00 worth of food and all the food was organic. It was a great blessing. *May God keep the food pantry going as we all try to do our best for the growth of the ministry.*

I met with the Saudi brothers before they went back to their home country. They came to the center and thanked all of the volunteers that helped them while they were staying in the states. They also asked to have their pictures on our news board.

They returned the Bible and book of John they had borrowed to read the four months they were here. They told me that they cannot take the Bible home when they return. While one brother was reading the Bible he felt the power of Scripture and because of that, he is wrestling between his beliefs and what he found in the Bible. I am still in contact with him. *Please pray for them as they keep searching for the truth -- the truth that will set them free.*

Wants & Needs...

- Gas cards
- Drivers to transport families to Redeemer for Sunday services
- Gift certificates for office supplies (Walmart, Target, Staples, Office Max, etc)
- Money for English as a Second Language books
- Volunteers for our ESL classes – we now have about 55 students and are holding 15 classes a week.
- Volunteers to be receptionists! With the expanding classes, we are in need of more receptionists to be present in the office. Consider giving 2-3 hours per week of your time!
- Volunteers to help at the sewing classes! 2 hours per week on Wednesdays!