

**THE ROCHESTER
INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP CENTER**



2023 Update *(last revised 12/6/23)*

We praise our Lord for the many generous souls who have helped us meet our 2022 financial goal! Thank you! We have seen so many souls united to Christ in Baptism and embraced by His loving family! This is truly a powerful and blessed ministry that actually fulfills the Great Commission to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth and to every people group on earth.

We are nearly back to the level of activity that we knew before COVID! We currently have 16 class sessions at various sites, an active Arabic Bible Study, home visits, and a delicious food distribution ministry. Relationships are the true walls of the Church where internationals and immigrants feel welcomed to be with us in God's Word. We actually get to see the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit to create and to nourish saving faith through God's Word. We have seen Christ's family grow in our midst with new brothers and sisters gathered from around the globe. Rejoice! You have shared in the sacrifices and labors that make His Kingdom come now and forever! You have observed the divine mandate to use earthly blessings and opportunities to make everlasting friends (Luke 16:9).

The Rochester International Friendship Center has an annual budget of \$123,000. You can make a difference! We just don't want to maintain His ministry, but to expand it. If our revenue is the same from last year, we will not make our projected budget that has increased due to inflation. Any gift that you can make is greatly appreciated!

Our missionary, John Gayed, asks for you to pray for another central downtown location. And you may be the answer to that prayer if you know of space available or have connections.

SEND A CHECK

Checks may be made payable to POBLO and sent to POBLO International / 35555 Garfield Road / Suite 7 / Clinton Township MI 48035. Please indicate or place in the memo line **ROCHESTER IFC**. Expect to receive a thank you and receipt for charitable deduction purposes. If you like, you may use this form to make your gift:

I (we) want to support the POBLO International Friendship Center in Rochester, Minnesota

One-Time Gift

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Monthly Commitment

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$Other _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

*Make check payable to POBLO International and write Rochester IFC on the memo line
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GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

1. Go to **POBLO.ORG**.
2. Click the **DONATE NOW** button.
3. You will be directed to a page with various gifting options. Click the **DONATE NOW** button again.
4. Please designate your gift for the **GENERAL FUND**.

IMPORTANT! To designate your support for our Rochester IFC, type in the **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BOX** these words: **ROCHESTER IFC**. If you desire to remain anonymous, we fully respect and support your decision. In the comments box, simply add the word: **ANONYMOUS**.

5. Via mail, expect to receive a thank you and receipt for charitable deduction purposes.

*Thank
you!*

Please consider being on the next published "The 100 List". We have a goal to have 100 individual donors to help make budget. We do not give for human recognition and so we do not list how much is given, but your public support is a testimony to others how you openly support this powerful mission. Here are our 2023 donors.

**Roger Bahr
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Every Rochester Circuit congregation supports the Rochester IFC.

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We are grateful to other congregations who support our ministry.

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**Immanuel, Lewiston MN
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As you can see, we have a long way to go to get our 100 list back to what it was before COVID-19. Please pray and spread the word about His and our awesome mission taking place.