

**SD District LWML Mission Grant**  
**Mite Box Devotion**

March 2008

**Arabic Ministry Woman Worker - Metro Detroit –**  
**POBLO Ministries**  
**\$5000 (Paid in Full)**

- Leader:** We open in the name of the Holy Trinity:
- All:** Glory to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!  
*"God Loved the World So That He Gave"* (LSB 571 v 6)
- Leader:** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* John 3:16-17
- Reader 1:** POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) workers reach out to the Arab Muslim ethnic groups in the Metro Detroit area and share the Gospel message.
- Reader 2:** The Islamic religion is one of the fastest spreading religions which is evidenced by the dense population of Muslims from the Middle-East especially in the urban Detroit area – over 375,000 Arabs of Middle Eastern descent – the largest population of Arabs outside the Middle East.
- Reader 3:** The issues which are being addressed by POBLO ministry to Muslim women are both physical and spiritual. The physical needs are ESL, counseling, fellowship and hospitality, and food and clothing. Once the friendship is established then the Gospel message can be communicated. To reach the Arabic women, a woman worker is required who can reach the women in the language of their hearts and also be socially and culturally acceptable.
- Reader 1:** This mission grant has made it possible for Shahira, a dynamic young Arabic woman missionary, to work among nine Middle Eastern groups in the heavily Muslim populated city of Dearborn, as well as in the cities of Troy and Sterling Heights in Metro Detroit.
- Reader 2:** Shahira also teaches Arabic as a second language to second generation Arabs and others who want to learn the Arabic language. She has been the key person in bringing groups together for Bible study in the Arabic language.

**Reader 3:** Shahira goes to the homes of Arabic Muslim people and invites women to come and join different educational programs at the churches. This ministry has been very successful in bringing Muslims to the church programs, and even to the Bible studies.

**Leader:** We praise the Lord that our Mite offerings help make it possible for Shahira and others like her to reach the Arabic Muslim people, and especially the women, with the wonderful news that Jesus loves them and gave himself for them that their sins may be forgiven and they may receive the precious gift of faith in him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Hymn & Closing Prayer:** Rise, Thou Light of Gentile nations, Jesus, bright and Morning Star;  
Let Thy Word, the gladsome tidings, Ring out loudly near and far,  
Bringing freedom to the captives, Peace and comfort to the slave,  
That the heathen, free from bondage, May proclaim Thy pow'r to save.

See the blindness of the heathen, Strangers to Thy glorious light,  
Straying hopeless till they find Thee, Wand'ring aimless in the night.  
See their pitiful condition; Lo, gross darkness covers all,  
And no ray of hope refreshes Nor dispels the dreadful pall.

May our zeal to help the heathen Be increased from day to day  
As we plead in true compassion And for their conversion pray.  
For the many faithful heralds, For the Gospel they proclaim,  
Let us all be cheerful givers To the glory of Thy name.

Savior, shine in all thy glory On the nations near and far;  
From the highways and the byways Call them, O Thou Morning Star.  
Guide them whom Thy grace hath chosen Out of Satan's dreadful thrall  
To the mansions of Thy Father – There is room for sinners all.

*"Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations" (TLH 498, vs 1, 2, 5, 6)*