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The POBLO Connection

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What Happened When Her Family Found Out She Was Reading The Bible

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Making sure people don't know you're going to the church, hiding the Bible from family members—these are common behaviors for Muslims while they discretely try to learn about Jesus. In fact, it's the story of woman from the Middle East, currently being ministered to by one of our POBLO missionaries. "A member of her family was ill," our missionary writes, "So when I first met Amal, naturally she was down, depressed, and crying."

"Amal would come down to the IFC, not for English, but to share her frustrations and anxiety. I tried to comfort her by sharing Bible verses, and by helping her feel safe. Amal was curious. She had a lot of questions about love, marriage, and women's rights-from the Christian perspective. She was also touched by the kindness and gentle ways of our IFC workers. Her observations about them raised more questions about Christian faith. One of them was, "Why do these people treat me so well even though I'm from a different religion?"

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**POBLO Ministries &
Peace Lutheran
Church *Cordially Invite*
You To **"Remember
Whose You Are"!****

Who: "Remember" is geared towards Pastors, Teachers, Youth Ministers, and Parents -
- All Are Welcome!

What: Come learn about the differences between Christianity and Islam, hear testimonies about what being "unequally yoked" is really like, and get the tools you need to engage, educate, and equip the youth in your circles to impact others as shining lights in the world.

Where: Peace Lutheran Church, 6580 24 Mile Rd, Shelby Charter Township, MI 48316

When: Saturday
September 15th from
9:00 am to 2:30 pm

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and Hot Lunch Are
Included!

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**Marco Micheletta (Event
Coordinator)**

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At this point, Amal confessed her faith in Christ, but she faced a dilemma. She was afraid her family would find out. So she kept her conversion a secret for almost 9 months. Then, one day, Amal's brother was getting some things from her room when he found the Bible I had given her. He confronted Amal. Amal couldn't deny that she had been reading the Bible. Amal's brother beat her up in front of her little son, and locked her in her room.

He didn't tell his parents, as both of them are sick and they couldn't handle the news. Miraculously, he had to release her as she had a flight the next day—he couldn't cancel the flight. However, he called Amal's husband, warned him, and told him to keep an eye on his wife. Even though her brother is 20 years her junior, he could still control Amal as he is the man of the house.

Please pray for Amal and her family. This could be the turning point for the whole family. Pray for her peace and protection.

And please pray for wisdom and guidance for Amal and myself in how to deal with the situation.



Cynthia Khan (Community Outreach Director)

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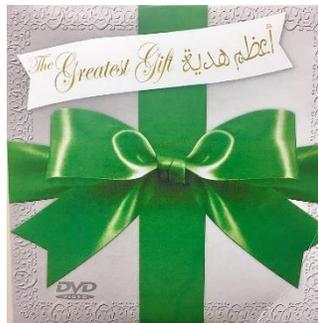
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New Foods Excite Palettes as Women from Different Cultures Share Their Cuisine Art

POBLO Missionary, Joy Markus, knew instinctively that cooking would draw women of different cultures together. So began the International Cooking Club, held on the third Saturdays of each month at Atonement Lutheran Church, Dearborn. It was a simple idea. Americans rave about the spices and tastes of food from other cultures, just as immigrant women wonder how to cook American foods.

At the first meeting, women learned how to make a Syrian dish consisting of rice and veggies. For the second Club meeting, women tackled Jordanian cuisine, featuring lentils. After experiencing these delicacies, Kathy Duvendek, of St. Paul Ann Arbor wanted to, but was hesitant to take the lead on the third meeting featuring American cuisine. After sampling the extraordinary dishes of the first two meetings, Kathy wondered what to cook, and whether it would be appreciated. Nevertheless, she selected the menu, and came prepared to teach: that day the Arab women who came were delighted to learn how to make meatloaf, cornbread, and rhubarb custard cake.

These American dishes were a big hit for the 16 women who learned how to prepare them. As to the bigger picture... continue reading

Can We Sing the Song about the Lamb?

The theme of our 2017 VBS was in Dearborn "The Lamb". Nearly 100 Muslim children learned God's story about the sacrifice of the perfect Lamb, Jesus Christ. Grace Rohwer even wrote a song,

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“Behold the Lamb”. On June 11, 2018, a week after Ramadan had finished, we had Family Night. Suddenly, a bunch of Muslim children entered the church. They thought that VBS had started. We told them that VBS would begin in July. But they stayed for the children’s Bible lesson and for the meal. Then we began to recognize them from last year’s VBS. It was so exciting! The ten children asked many questions about Jesus and how He could do the wonderful things He did. Then an 11-year-old girl, Maya, asked, “Can we sing the song about the Lamb?” So, Grace led the children and we sang the song. Then it all clicked. One year ago, right after VBS, I recognized one of the girls who had attended VBS passing by the church. I told her that I had forgotten her name. She asked, “How could you forget my name?” “I’m the only one who memorized all the Bible verses and songs.” That day, she sang from memory “Behold the Lamb”, and proceeded to tell me Biblically the need for the sacrifice of a perfect lamb, and that Jesus was that sinless Lamb of God. Wow!

I share these stories with you because they remind Grace and myself that sowing the seed of God’s Word is not in vain. We do not always see immediate results, but we do see the Holy Spirit at work!

-Rev. Dr. Gary Rohwer

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