




## November-December 2019 – POBLO Local Newsletter

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Every year, we were blessed to organize for a Thanksgiving Dinner at one of the operating International Friendship Centers (IFCs) in the Twin Cities. This year's celebration, we are **very thankful** that Lutheran Church of the Ascension hosted the dinner, with Immanuel Lutheran (Fish Lake) preparing the meal, and others leading and coordinating the event. Close to sixty people attended, students, volunteers, newcomers and church members for the first time. Although Georgette and I were not present for



personal reasons, we heard many good stories of attendees enjoying a time of fellowship. Several members from different churches were reunited because of the IFCs and dinner, reconnected personally after several months and years. In addition, the bingo game contained squares with questions such as “find someone wearing orange, or, find someone who visited Africa.” The purpose is to encourage the Body of Christ to commit themselves as Jesus commanded, so we may help overcome cultural barriers in being prejudice or fearful of



another culture or race, or spiritual barriers such as being lukewarm. This is not POBLO's ministry; this is the church's ministry! We bridge the cultural gap with the genuine love of Christ, and you can see it on the face of all those who attended.

**This ministry needs your support.** May we appeal to you to make a year-end individual donation? Whatever the Lord puts on your heart, commit it to His cause, especially if you are not directly involved in the ministry. The Twin Cities' ministry is expanding, and we need to keep the momentum going. Also, you can partake by checking the box on right.

*From our family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and May the New Year bring us closer to the Lord Jesus Christ!*



### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- + Volunteers to teach English (Basic to Advanced), Sewing/Knitting, Citizenship, Computer, Childcare
- + Drivers who can transport students in Bloomington
  - + Gift cards to Walmart, OfficeMax; Gas Cards
- + A coordinator who manages IFC schedules and student pickups.
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