



Six months ago, a large mosque in Rochester Hills, home of the Rochester Christian University, [was made \\$20M larger](#) by the dedicated gifts of the South Asian Muslim community in that city just north of Detroit. The Muslim presence in the area is not new, and the Arab community is so old they have their own museum in Dearborn; and every time I attend an Arabic event, a music concert, wedding or political rally, I cannot but be impressed by the functioning unity of the faithful Muslims that believe, against belief, in the cause of Islam and in their duty to spread their faith around the world. The image of Muslims racing to support the Islamic *da'wa* is not unfamiliar to me: Back in Baghdad, I used to hear the imam after Friday services often quote Muhammad saying “Whosoever buildeth a mosque as small as a pigeon’s nest, Allah shall build him a house in Paradise.” Muslims give, not just because giving is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, but because they wholeheartedly believe that Allah will both bless their gift and what remains in their possession. Muslims have been giving for the past fourteen centuries and few people today doubt that they are reaping what they have sown from Riyadh to Rochester Hills.

It is certainly easier to talk about giving among the followers of a work-based system, be it Islam, Catholicism, Judaism or otherwise, than the more Protestant, saved-or-lost versions of the Christian faith. The Arab Christian Ministry, a unique work in a strategic mission field even though it lacks the glittering chandelier hanging from a dome, has survived for the past decade, fighting the uphill battle of spreading love where there is hate, and knowledge where misinformation, winning souls and encouraging others among Muslims and Christians alike, and the credit throughout all that goes to the Lord who has put in the hearts of the faithful Christians to spread their faith in obedience to His Great Commission. A dollar given to the Lord is never a dollar lost, and Christians—*true* Christians, not necessarily prolific writers of scholastic theology or elaborate bishops, not popes or holy emperors, not court historians or abbots, but those Christians whose quiet lives of piety, charity, and personal witness that would have otherwise been swallowed up by the adaptation, even the corruption, of the church—those Christians have been giving for the past two thousand years so that the torch of the gospel could be passed down to us today. By no means does that torch intend to go off in our generation.

And yet, the ACM, one small indicating measure of the faithful’s involvement in the mission field, has not been meeting its minimalistic target budget in a trend that is concerning enough for me to *begin* this update with this appeal. **I am pleading with you, individuals and congregations in the body of Christ, to keep this humble work going through long-time support.** The contributions for the past month (minus the book sales and speaking honoraria) have totaled \$1,470 against its \$3,000 budget. If you have purposed in your heart to make a contribution to keep this ministry going, whether by mailing a check or online, please visit ArabChristianMinistry.org or write your generous check to the Walled Lake Church of Christ (memo/ACM.) You can also [contribute directly to the Walled Lake congregation](#), and contact its eldership at this email or contact our board members (listed on the website) if you have any questions.

In the news, and depending on the outcome of [Air Canada's strike](#), I will be speaking on *Standing Firm* at the *Mountain Men 2024* in Manitoba next weekend. I will be speaking on *Discipleship* during the *Engage* conference at the West Michigan Friendship Center in early November, and I am invited to speak on *Heaven in Islam* during the Florida School of Preaching's lectureship in January.

Outreach to Muslims is ongoing, and I have started teaching *Mark* in my church.

Registration is still open for the [\\$2,400 Iraq Tour](#). The website will continue through the end of this year, although it's wise to register sooner than that.

And finally, a copy of *The Road to Your Happiness* was mailed to the former manager of a Christian university's bookstore to share with a Muslim acquaintance of his. The book is available to *your* Muslim acquaintances upon request as well. Thank you, and God bless.



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