



# ROCHESTER FAMILY MISSION

## *In the Faith*



***We are Family!***

***From the pen of Barbara JP Thomas, executive director***

As usual, summer camp was both spiritually enriching and a blast for the children. This year, we would like to thank members of New Hope Free Methodist, Lehigh Baptist, and Stonington Baptist churches who participated in the Bible studies and worked with the campers. A special thank-you goes to Pastor Marvin Robinson for coordinating the churches and pitching in to serve in all areas. We would like to thank several churches for contributing to camp above and beyond their normal support - Webster Bible (Sunday school ministry), Mission Door,

and Evangelical Church of Fairport (from their Penny March). We had 25 children enrolled in the program. Camp had spiritual and educational components. Several youths rededicated their lives to Christ during Bible study. We provided activities to help the children succeed in school by emphasizing reading, writing, and math. We always try to have a fun time in a safe place for children. They all ate a nutritious breakfast and lunch every day with food supplied by Foodlink.



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***It's hard to believe the holidays are just around the corner!***

### ***Harvest Fest***

***October 29, 2017  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.***

For the past several years, RFM has provided an alternative to going house-to-house for Halloween. Every year, we have about 15-20 people decorate the trunks of their cars filled with candy to distribute to the youth. (That's why we used to call it "Trunk or Treat"! Please consider participating in this fun event to provide a safe way for the youth to celebrate Halloween.

If you would like additional information please call the RFM Office.

### ***Thanksgiving & Christmas***

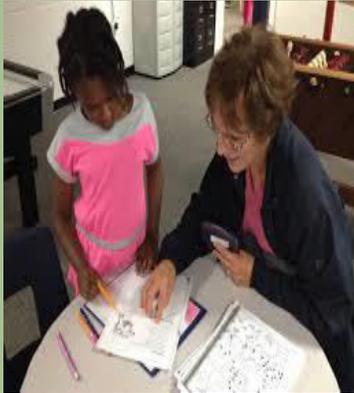
It's hard to believe that the Thanksgiving and Christmas basket distribution program is just around the corner. Many volunteers are needed for both holidays. Clients will sign up for baskets during October 10-12.

If you would like to help with this project, please call our office at 585-436-7523.

Further information will be given in our October newsletter, and we will also post it on Facebook and RFM's website.

## I Can Kid's

*"I Can do all things through Christ, who strengthen me."*



**"Let my heart be broken with the things that break God's heart"**

**Bob Pierce, World Vision founder**



***Love is the root of missions; sacrifice is the fruit of missions"***

**Roderick Davis.**

Calling all good tutors! This program was developed to help provide tutoring for children in the Rochester City School District. (The "I Can" comes from "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.") RFM really wants to help these children succeed in school so they can live up to their full potential. At present, we tutor about 15 children. The young people come Monday-Wednesday each week from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and receive dinner each night. We have a need for more tutors. In fact, our program is limited by the availability of qualified tutors. We also provide tutoring for adults working toward their GED. If you are interested in this program, please call the office.



### *Flower City Work Camp*

You have probably heard of this program at your local church. During Easter break, many teenagers from suburban and city churches donate their time to help renovate houses in the city for people who could not possibly get the work done themselves. At the same time, these teens conduct sidewalk Bible classes for the children in the neighborhood. In 2018, this program will go from April 2-6. Rochester Family Mission has not sent any youth to Flower City for several years due to the cost and lack of leaders. We ask that several people seriously consider donating their time so that our children can attend this event next year. The residents are always so appreciative of the work done to their houses, and the neighborhood children always have fun and receive spiritual benefit at the daily meetings. This program encourages people to help one another, to give back to their communities, and to show Christian love to their neighbors. Thank you in advance for your involvement.

in action as we care for them. The cost of this trip is \$1800 per person. For most of our youth this will be the first time they have been out of Rochester. Your support is needed and your prayers are greatly appreciated.

### *Elev8*

We have partnered with Roberts Wesleyan College to help provide young people with Christian discipleship and to get them into the mindset of attending college.

Too many children do not consider college because of academic and financial challenges.

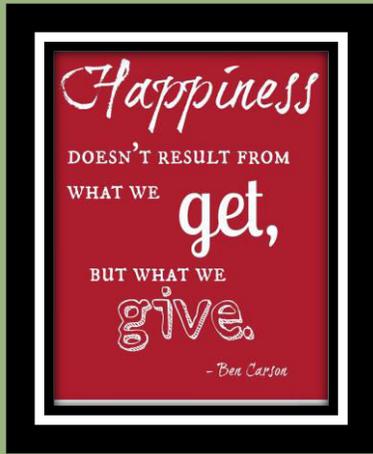
We provide programs for these youth - in grades 7-12 - to get them to study hard and succeed in high school.

### *Youth Mission Trip*

This coming February School Break (February 18<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>), the Elev8 youth and our executive Director Barbara are scheduled to travel to Huehuetenango, Guatemala with Roberts Wesleyan College. We are going to support the ongoing work of the Fundacon Savacion Orphanage.

In addition, we will be ministering to youth from the orphanage, the School of Hope and from the local community. These youths will have an opportunity to learn about God and come to know Jesus as their Savior. They will see love

**"All the money needed to send and support an army of self-sacrificing, joy-spreading ambassadors is already in the church." – John Piper**



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*Dr. Dana L. Goodnough*

Dana has served as president, vice-president and member of the Board of Directors at Rochester Family Mission for ten years. At the end of this fiscal year he will be leaving the board. He will remain a RICE faculty and teach as time allows. His faithfulness is greatly appreciated. We wish him and his wife Monica the best.

*A special message from our families at RFM*

Roodie, mother of four would like to thank everyone who donate bookbags and school supplies. She was touched by your generosity.

“WOW! When I open my bookbags and saw everything that was in it, I smiled.”  
Thank you, Cameron

“I don’t know what I would do without the mission. Every month around the 20th, I run out of food and they are always there for me and my children. The mission is an answer to my prayers.”

Blessings

*Volunteer Opportunities*

Rochester Family Mission need your help in the following areas:

- “I Can Kids” - Tutors
- Food Pantry -Driver & Helper (Monday & Wednesdays (9am)
- Wednesday Night Community Bible Study and Dinner - Cook
- Holiday Basket Sign-up

Please call the office at 585-436-7523 if you feel God’s leading to help.



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