



Matthew 18:14
So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.



Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, here am I; send me

UPDATE FROM RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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Matt. 19:14 says, "But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Throughout the time at The Father's Heart Ministry we have been blessed to see this scripture come true. It is such a blessing to see a young child hear the Word of God and come forward to receive Christ into their hearts, or ask for prayer for something or just see them dance to worship music or just smile when they are receiving a hot meal, cookie or some clothing that they love.

In June we had the privilege to attend VBS at Calvary Chapel of Seneca Falls and share with the

pre-K age kids up to the youth group age about the ministry and what we do at The Father's Heart. We have to admit sharing with the Pre-K age group about the ministry was totally outside of our comfort zone but a fun adventure. It was great to see their simple faith, and their excitement for the ministry. We were blessed that they chose The Father's Heart Ministry to support this year during their vacation bible school and the kids collected a bunch of paper products and they raised more than a \$1000.00 for the ministry, all glory to the Lord!! But one of the most precious things to us was when a young girl, opened her mouth and prayed for us and the ministry, it brought tears to our eyes.

On July 20th, we had our 3rd annual Pines of Perinton Family Day!!! It was a great turnout and we want to thank all the volunteers that came out to serve The Lord, we could not have done

it without you. There were so many blessings that day. We were able to show the love of Christ to many of the people in the community! We gave them a meal, a bag of groceries and clothes. We had face painting, balloon animals, bounce houses, games, bike raffles, cotton candy, sno cones and popcorn! But most of all, the Holy Spirit fell upon that community that day through the Christian music and the messages that Russ and Pastor Dan Skelton shared and the prayers and ministering that was done by all the saints. Once again, to us the kids were what truly blessed us this day; it was the end of the message that Russ was sharing, calling the crowd to receive Jesus into their lives, to repent of their sins and confess Him as Lord when a crowd of young children and teens came forward to accept the Lord and receive prayer. Like Jesus spoke, "Let the little children come to Me..." Did they all get saved? We do not know, we do know that many seeds were

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planted, some were watered and yes probably some were harvested. That day we saw that simple faith of a child that Christ calls us to have. We heard kids say, "I have never been in a bounce house before, I have never had a bike before", and they knew that it was all from the Lord Jesus for He is the one that provided it all.

Simple childlike faith, we pray that we never stray from that, that we remember that it is all about the Cross and Christ Crucified, that He used a donkey in the Bible, that He speaks out of the mouths of babes and that if we be willing vessels to be used by Him that is all we need. We pray that we always can find the joy and see Christ in the children's smiles when we are out on the ministry and that we remember that these children we minister to are the next generation; we pray that they will be a strong generation of believers that know Christ and glorify Him and remember that when they were a child that the love of Christ was shown to them in many ways. Please pray for the children on the streets, in our churches and in your homes that they would come to the love the Lord their God with all their hearts and serve Him all of their days.

God Bless,
Russ and Anne

SHARING

The Lord Jesus never ceases to amaze me in His ability to get His children where He wants them for His purposes. At the right time and in just the right place for a specific person. He is a very personal God who knows just what someone needs and how to get to him or her. They **must hear the gospel** and know that there is hope in Christ Jesus, forgiveness and new life available for them. The Lord does all the rest and that is just what happens when The Father's Heart is

at work in the city. People hear the Good News! I was honored and blessed to be on Lyell Avenue and Sherman Street in June along with some other brothers and sisters in Christ from Calvary Chapel of Rochester, and as the Lord would have it, within five minutes of being there, I turned around and was face to face with an old friend from the past. I almost changed my mind about going that day, but the spirit was saying GO! There she is-broken, scarred, beat up, discouraged and feeling hopeless. I once was where she was, on those very streets and in fact shared an apartment with her at one time. She could not believe what she was seeing. Jesus Christ in me. She wanted to know how, how could your life be transformed? As the Lord guided me I shared the power of Jesus and His love for her. I was sent there because of His love for her. I thought of Luke 3:5-6 when John the Baptist said, **"Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation"**.

Our Lord presented himself to her that day. She was frightened and hesitant about raising her hand to receive Christ, but she did. We gathered food and clothing then I walked her home and prayed with her. We in turn are blessed when we see the goodness of Jesus at work when He say's in 2Peter 3:9 **The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.** That is the heart of Our Lord and He

has in turn given us that same heart. Thank you Lord for the divine appointments you have in place for your people. In His Care, Deb V.

Pines of Perinton

Contributed by Scott and Robin Wilson

The Pines Annual Family Day Outreach for July was well worth all the hard work put in by the numerous volunteers who came out to serve. A big thank you to all! Many took part in setting up tents and several tables were displayed with bread, fresh produce, clothing and much more. We prayed for a cool day, God gave us sun then showered us with rain to cool us off. The crowds didn't budge, even during the outburst of rain showers that frequented us.

The line for food seemed to go on and on, no one went away hungry. The blessings of hots, hamburgers, sausages, sno cones and cotton candy made the atmosphere seem like a carnival. The children gleamed with excitement as the games began, all were awarded prizes which gave smiles from ear to ear. God is so good!

The bands played, the excitement continued. Between bands were races for the children, water balloon toss and running races which brought all ages out. We raffled off 2 bikes this year, which was a blessing in itself. We had a special needs child who anticipated the drawing as he (age 13, who had spent the first three years of his life in the hospital) had just learned to ride a bike and all he needed now was one of his own. We prayed over the bucket prior to the drawing of names that Joshua would win this bike and sure enough, Praise the Lord, God answered this simple prayer.

As the message was given by Russ Loria, many hearts were softened and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in them. As tears flowed, children, men and women made their way thru the crowd forward to be prayed for and with.

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This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All our praise and glory was given to our Lord and Savior for the blessings that he allowed us to be a part of on this special day.



GOD Speaks Through the City Part 3: James 1:17

As we serve in the Father's Heart Ministry we continue to rejoice the Lord's blessings in every corner of our city. Unfortunately, constant exposure to news regarding city

crime makes us lose perspective of what is abundant everywhere; God's indescribable and undeserved **gift of Grace**. The following two stories bring to light how we can use His gifts and the wonder of sharing God's harvest with others.

The two stories unfold one summer day at the corner of Emerson and Fulton. A city neighborhood, just like others we frequent, much more in need of Jesus than of food or clothing. Locals are attracted by the "free food" sign, dynamic music, and excitement of the event. But ultimately, they are not there by coincidence to receive worldly things, "*A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.*" (Proverbs 16:9). On this summer day, a large curious crowd gathered anticipating what would happen. After the music stopped, brother Russ led everyone in prayer as the crowd respectfully bowed their heads. Although the sound system was loud enough to lift the whole neighborhood with the Word, unbeknownst to me something was missing. Somewhere in the crowd there was total silence.

With no apparent rhyme or reason, a young girl about 10 years old stood motionless next to Russ as he began to preach the Word. The young girl then proceeded to break the mysterious silence. She began waving her hands furiously sharing the Word in sign language. She was remarkable. I had never seen sign language perfectly synchronized with what was being spoken and without delay. The girl translated bible verses with ease that include vocabulary beyond most ten year olds. A video taken of the event shows the girl's hand gestures were rhythmically synchronized with Russ', as if they were jointly conducting God's grand symphony! We often say, "*He who has ears to*

hear, let him hear!" Although on that day some ears were unable to physically hear the good news, Christ in Luke 7:22 assured us that "*the deaf will hear*" and "*the poor will have good news preached to them*". In this manner, silence was broken using a gift granted to this young girl by God's grace.

After the memorable message, a number of people stepped up when called to receive prayer and salvation from our Lord. My attention became drawn to a woman, probably in her thirties, who was weeping hysterically. As I approached her to pray, a young lady from the partner church beat me to the punch. In fact, the VERY young "lady" could not have been more than twelve years old. As the woman wept, the young lady said: "Could I pray for you?" The weeping woman softly said "yes..." What happened next came as a blessing to the weeping woman and to me. The tiny evangelist provided an inspired prayer to an adult in despair using Godly wisdom, composure, and compassion while leading her to Christ. The weeping woman was visibly moved by the Holy Spirit. The tone of her crying changed from despair to joy as she tightly hugged and thanked the tiny evangelist. When the weeping woman walked away, the girl calmly witnessed to others. After telling her what a blessing she had been, she humbly said: "Praise the Lord, it's all about Him". Through his tiny evangelist and her gifts received through God's grace, Jesus touched a distraught woman and changed her forever. "*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*" (James 1:17)

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That day at Fulton and Emerson put in my heart a desire to share the importance of using gifts we all receive from God. Gifts come in many flavors- whether it is a young girl communicating the Word of God with amazing skill so the deaf can hear, or whether it is a tiny evangelist ministering with wisdom well beyond her years. *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."* (Romans 12:6-8)

Are we using gifts given to us according to His grace in thanksgiving and obedience to God? Honor God and use your gifts! Thank you Lord for your grace and the gifts that You have bestowed upon us!

A servant in Christ

Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Attention all Men! Clean Out Your Closet Challenge!



We are really low on men's short sleeved shirts, pants and shorts. As always, the woman's clothing is outweighing the men's clothing, literally!

Are you up for this challenge?

We are asking that you go through your dressers and closets and donate those items that never seem to be worn or maybe don't even fit anymore? We know you can do it and we thank you in advance for whatever you can donate! Contact Russ at 647-6746 to arrange drop off.

Save the Date

The Father's Heart Ministry Fundraiser is only a few months away! Friday, **October 25th**, seating will be limited! Tickets will be going on sale in September, \$30.00 each. A buffet dinner will be served at the Whittier Party House on Whittier Road at 6:00 p.m.



A happy volunteer serving delicious berries on the bus!



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