



Free food at Andrews Terrace.

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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Let us be bold in the new year

One of our favorite Christmas songs is "Mary, Did You Know?" Some of the lyrics that stick out to us are, "Mary, did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you ... The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.

The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb ... Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb? This sleeping child you're holding is the Great I Am."

AT THE Father's Heart we have seen miracles occur in the name of Jesus. Just a few weeks ago a woman was prayed over and her back pain went away. Praise Jesus!

Every week we see the dead in Christ become a new creature in Christ. Also, just before Christmas we had a special time of Christmas songs to praise the King at an outreach.

WE PRAY that as they sang the lyrics to the songs that it just wasn't a Christmas carol to sing but it was a worship service to the Great I Am. We are in awe at what Christ continues to do at The Father's Heart.

AS WE go into the new year, we want to say thank you to everyone who has come out and served on the ministry, prayed for the ministry and financially supported the ministry. We want to give all the glory to the Lord who provides for the ministry. For everyone who is faithful to serve, pray or financially support the ministry we hope you realize what a huge impact you have made for the kingdom of heaven and continue to make for the kingdom of heaven.

OUR PRAYER for The Father's Heart ministry for this coming year is that we would continue to do what God has called us to do: to go out, feed the poor, clothe the needy, and above all preach the gospel to all people.

We pray that we would continue

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Servants distribute food as storm clouds gather in the west during an outreach at Lyell Avenue and Sherman Street.

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to be bold for Christ and that we would not fear the times that we are in but that we would instead be a light shining in the darkness. We ask that you all would pray for The Father's Heart and that you, too, would be bold in your faith this coming year.

REMEMBER, HE is the Great I Am, the perfect Lamb and your Deliverer. Let us praise Him to be bold for Christ and not to fear the times that we are in, but that we would instead be a light shining in the darkness.

We ask that you all would pray for The Father's Heart and that you, too, would be bold in your faith this coming year. Remember He is the Great I Am, the perfect Lamb and your Deliverer. Let us praise Him and serve Him forever.

Love In Christ — Russ and Anne
Ephesians 1:15-19

Outreach needs

Clothing: men's and children's winter clothing, including coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves.

Meals: plates, forks and hot cocoa mix.

The Father's Heart

Our mission is to share the love of Christ with as many people as possible and try to enhance the quality of life for all whom we witness to on the streets.

We share the Word of God and feed and clothe people of the streets of Rochester, bringing hope that Jesus will grab hold of their hurting, lonely, hopeless hearts to be His hands and feet extended in love!

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**Extended Ministries
of The Father's Heart**

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo



Joining in prayer at Pinnacle Place.

**God's Spirit anoints
a young believer**

As we approach the end of another year, we are looking back at all the Lord has done in and through the outreaches in Pinnacle

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Place and East Rochester. We are blessed when we think about all the people we have met, whether it was those who came out to help or those to whom we ministered.

SERVANTS MINISTER to those who come to the outreaches by praying with them or just listening to the problems they are going through. They are grateful for the love we show for them as they describe the difficult lives they lead.

The food donated through so many businesses is a great help to them. But it's even more important that someone can spend time with them. We see tears of sadness as well as tears of joy. It is a privilege to be part of such a needed ministry, and may the Lord continue to bless every outreach. We look forward to what the Lord has planned for the ministries of The Father's Heart in 2016.

WHEN WE celebrate Christmas we reflected on what this season means to every believer. We thank God our Father who sent his Son Jesus to be born, so that He would die in our place and save us from our sins. Without His birth there could be no death, and without His death there could not be remission of sin.

What a wonderful Savior we serve! We pray that He will continue to use The Father's Heart to spread His message of salvation to all those who have not yet given their heart to Him.

"ALL AUTHORITY has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you and lo I am with you

always, even till the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20).

Extended Ministries conducts outreaches year-round at Pinnacle Place apartments in Rochester and from spring to fall at Northside Park in East Rochester. Contact Frank and Diane Rivaldo at frivaldo@outlook.com

Pines of Perinton

By Scott and Robin Wilson



Christmas party at Pines of Perinton.

Family Day filled with fun, gospel

Christmas is always a joyous time of year. For some it's the memories of past years, family get-togethers, gifts exchanged and halls echoing with laughter. But for some it's a warm meal, a smile, a hug.

THIS YEAR at the Pines of Perinton we shared God's love and His unconditional acceptance. How He came to us as a newborn babe, how His gift of eternal life is free to all.

Christmas isn't about the gifts under the tree but about the precious gift from above.

This year may we all find the true meaning of Christmas.

If you wish to serve at the Pines of Perinton, contact Scott and Robin Wilson at (585) 402-5756.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 12: Isaiah 61:1-2

By a servant in Christ

A grieving father feels God's love

It was two weeks before Christmas and we were at Jefferson Avenue in the evening, one of our more challenging locations. Christmas music was being played by our sound system while loud yelling, cursing, and insults (some aimed at us) emanated from various directions in the neighborhood. Many people waiting in line were polite but some were disruptive, complaining that they should get free groceries before hearing the word of God.

SEVERAL INEBRIATED individuals strolled by our tables. Some requested a couple of dollars for bus fares; others said they wanted to buy certain "personal hygiene products." Given the smell of alcohol...

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hol on their breath, we suspected their goal was to buy one more beer at the small store across the street. Summing it up, Jefferson Avenue needed Jesus.

"**O HOLY** Night" was playing when I noticed a man in his 30s swaying back and forth while sporting an unusual smile. When we made eye contact it provided me the opportunity to welcome him. He remained quiet without changing his demeanor. His eyes periodically looked upward but his gaze returned downward as I tried to engage him. Was he on drugs as many others in the neighborhood? Was he simply enjoying the moment? I was unsure but sensed that something was up.

"**JOIN US** and be blessed with Jesus, groceries, and a homemade meal!" I said to him. My offer unexpectedly triggered a rapid reaction. The man (whom I will call Terrell) darted toward me and wrapped his arms around my torso. I was surprised to say the least! Terrell proceeded to squeeze my ribcage so hard that my breathing became shallow. It was a bit unnerving since he would not release his grip.

Was it affection or hostility? My ribs were telling me it was the latter. However, as he continued to squeeze, I felt his face delicately touching mine. My mind raced but somehow I felt blessed. During the embrace, Terrell's body started to quiver and he began to cry.

HIS WEEPING intensified as he released me while staring into my eyes. He thanked God for our ministry and shared a sad story; he was mourning the slaying of his nephew on Jefferson Avenue.


Sadly, Terrell's loss is a common occurrence on Jefferson Avenue, Genesee Street, Hudson Avenue,

Lyell Avenue and other outreach locations. Hearts in our community break.

There were more than 40 homicides in the city of Rochester in 2015. This violence has given us a dubious standing: Rochester has the highest per capita murder rate in New York State. Other troubling statistics reveal that Rochester is the second poorest mid-size city in the U.S. and that it has the lowest high school graduation rate of blacks and Latinos in the nation.

EVEN AFTER its recent horrific terrorist mass shootings, San Bernardino's per capita violent crime rate remained lower than Rochester's. Local politicians, community organizers, social workers, university scholars, and secular charities have tried for years without success to address Rochester's problems. It is a wonder how the Lord continues to bless The Father's Heart so it can share the love and hope of Jesus in this troubled city.

Terrell was ministered to by many



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brothers and sisters that night. There was much loving prayer for him and his family. During prayer, godly Christmas music provided a reminder of what was truly needed that night. Our praise and worship were not directed at politicians or government programs, but at He that carries our government, our sins, and whole world upon His shoulder. We were blessed sharing and celebrating His birth as prophesied in Isaiah 9:16:

"**FOR UNTO** us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Before leaving, Terrell approached me again with teary eyes and a loving smile. Since he had not eaten or taken any groceries, I asked him if he wanted to eat our homemade meal and take some groceries.

HE GAVE me another rib-breaking hug and said: "Thank you, but I do not need the food. All I need is Jesus." Jesus had lit Terrell's heart on fire.

The Boys & Girls Club, Paris, San Bernardino, Jefferson Avenue. Evil will exist but our Mighty God will triumph over the whole world that lies under the sway of the wicked one.

"**THE SPIRIT** of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me, to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn." (Isaiah 61:1-2).

Selah.

A sweet time of food and faith

By Nancy Simunek

Chocolate & Really Sweet Jazz, to Him be the Glory ... as the evening of November 7 was definitely one many will remember.

Our Chocolate and Sweet Jazz fundraiser at Penfield Country Club was everything we had prayed for and more. The Lord blessed us beyond our expectations. The months of praying and preparation paid off with a super-successful evening.

OUR GUESTS enjoyed an hour viewing a room full of chocolate delights and munching on yummy hors d'oeuvres while listening to sweet jazz by Michael Peace and

Friends. Chocolate creations from local bakeries and chocolatiers helped to make the auction later in the evening a success as our guests were intrigued by these delights and engaged in lively bidding.

But even sweeter than the chocolate were words spoken from the heart by Michael Peace, who entertained our guests throughout the evening, and Timothy Stone, who came to Jesus Christ through an outreach of The Father's Heart in East Rochester.

MICHAEL AND his family live near the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, where three young men were shot to death in August. The Father's Heart did back-to-back outreaches at the club a week later and Michael said they helped open a door in the neighborhood to true healing.

TIM SPENT time in jail, used drugs and neglected his family until he "happened" on an outreach across from his home. This God-ordained meeting changed his life and he is now attending church, has married his girlfriend, and volunteers for The Father's Heart to tell others the good news of Jesus Christ.

We raised \$29,000, and with this will be able to complete some of the much-needed projects at our Lake Avenue headquarters, enabling the ministry to continue doing the Lord's work by serving those in need throughout Rochester.

FROM THE bottom of our hearts, we thank you!

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and he shall bring it to pass." (Psalm 37:5).



Clockwise from top left: A cake shaped like The Father's Heart mobile soup kitchen, the dining room at Penfield Country Club before the gala began, jazz musician Michael Peace speaking about the impact of The Father's Heart on his neighborhood around the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, a table of supporters ready for the event to begin, and Timothy Stone, who received Jesus Christ as a result of an outreach, with his family. Photos by Rick Juskiewicz.