

A volunteer loads a box of groceries into a car during a Saturday outreach at The Father's Heart ministry headquarters.

**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 PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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## We need your help to return to normal

**1** John 3:18 says, "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

In the past few months we have seen the words from this verse come true through many of the believers who have prayed for the

## Calling all servants!

Are you interested in volunteering for The Father's Heart ministry on a Thursday or Friday night or Saturday during the day? Does a group from your fellowship want to come out on a regular/semi-regular schedule? There are many openings in our schedule starting Saturday, July 11. So please email us at [www.thefathersheartroc@hotmail.com](mailto:www.thefathersheartroc@hotmail.com) and let us know your availability. Thank you.

ministry, donated food and toiletries to give away at our curbside giveaways, and volunteered at the outreaches or donated monetarily. We say thank you for showing the love of the Lord by your actions.

**AT THE** Father's Heart part of our mission statement says, "to be His Hands and Feet, extended in love to a broken, hurting, and lost people located in Monroe County and beyond."

**MANY PEOPLE** who have come every Saturday to receive groceries thank the ministry for what we are doing during this time. So we want to extend that thank you to all of you. Our hope and prayer is that you know what a blessing you have been to the ministry and continue to be.

Through the items given, the money donated, the hands extended,

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and the prayers being lifted the Lord was seen, and He touched many since March in the drive-through giveaways.

**ISAIAH 40:1** says, " 'Comfort, yes, comfort My people!' Says your God." You have heeded those words and through all of it we have brought comfort to many during this time. Thank you.

Now that things seem to be opening, and per the leading of the Lord, we will resume our normal outreach schedule on **Saturday, July 11**. Things will be a little different. So due to this, this is a little different newsletter article and we apologize.

**THESE CHANGES** mean that we will need more volunteers. So we ask you to pray if you would like to come out and volunteer at one of the outreaches. Also, if your fellowship would like to come out on a regular/semi-regular schedule we ask that you contact us at [thefathersheartroc@hotmail.com](mailto:thefathersheartroc@hotmail.com) and we can put you down as a volunteer for that outreach.

The areas that you will be able to serve are prayer/evangelism, handing out groceries, serving hot meals out of the truck, setting up and tearing down, worship, and helping with "security." Per the New York State Department of Health, all volunteers need to wear a mask on the outreaches. So please pray and ask the Lord to lead.

**WE PRAY** and know that the Lord has many things in store for The Father's Heart ministry. There are many who still need to know that Jesus is the Savior of world, that He came to heal the broken-hearted, He came to set the captives free, He is on the throne, He

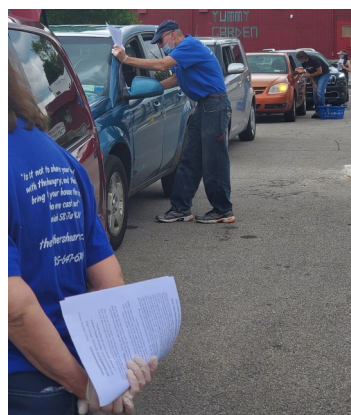


*More than words on the food truck: what the ministry is all about.*

is the Great Physician, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

He is the answer that this lost world needs to start looking to. So pray that as we start going back that the Holy Spirit would anoint all His servants in a powerful way, that where He leads the ministry His spirit would dwell in that area in a mighty way, and that we would see a mighty work.

**WE LOVE** you all and are praying for you all and thank you all. We are so excited and looking forward to being out there again. Love In Christ,  
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



*The prayer team at work.*

## 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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By Dave Schumacher

## God interrupts our busyness

As we prepared for an outreach of The Father's Heart recently a hungry woman walked into the driveway. My first impulse was to tell her to come back at 11 a.m. when the outreach began. But she said she was hungry and asked if she could have a little something before then.

**SHE PICKED** out some yogurt and started to walk away, and then came back. "I was attacked by two pit bulls," she said. "I didn't believe in God before, but I sure do now."

She told us how some strangers helped her fend off the dogs and called 911 and get the medical help she needed. "Most people don't survive one pit bull attack," she said. "I survived two at the same time, by the grace of God."

**SHE SAID** she had 90 stitches in her head and other parts of her body. As I stood there and listened, she poured out her heart about how her daughter died, she was one year clean from her drug and alcohol addictions, and now she knows that God sustained her and saved her from her sins, and the pit bulls.

She was a lonely woman who was hungry, all alone and isolated even more by the pandemic that has all of us isolated. She was so blessed to just talk to another real live person.

**GOD INTERRUPTED** our busyness, even in ministry, and gave us an awesome opportunity to pray with, and share the love and hope of Jesus, with His beautiful daughter! In our world, where so many are iso-

lated and afraid, our God is still working and reaching out to those who are scared, hungry, lonely and looking for the hope that can only be found in Christ Jesus.

**LORD, HELP** us to not get so caught up in our circumstances (good and not so good) that we miss the opportunities, and blessings, that You bring into our paths.

*Volunteer Dave Schumacher shared these thoughts with Pastor Russ and Anne Loria after an outreach at the ministry headquarters.*



*Food ready for distribution.*

### Outreach needs

At this time we still are NOT collecting clothing donations. We are accepting toiletries and non-perishable food items, tracts, and Bibles (our greatest need is for kids' Bibles and books). Thank you for all the donations.

Donations can be dropped off at The Father's Heart headquarters, 678 Lake Avenue, Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (585) 472-4331.

## God Speaks Through the City

Part 39: Matthew 5:43-48

By a servant in Christ

## God's love never fails

The story that follows took place eight years ago at the Liberty Pole in downtown Rochester. Although it appeared in a previous newsletter, its message and impact apply today more than ever. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

**IT WAS** a perfect night for sharing God's love. People had been blessed through the Word, prayer, captivating Christian hip-hop by brother Charles, and food. The crowd was beginning to thin, tracts and bread on the tables were almost gone. The evening had been uplifting, with the exception of an elderly woman "Doris," who had been difficult to deal with.

As usual, there were African-Americans and Hispanics in the outreach. Doris was angry to see Hispanics being fed and approached me saying: "They should all go back to Puerto Rico, Cuba or wherever the h--- they are from! We don't need no illegal wetbacks in this country!"

**I TOLD** her that if they were here legally, they were no different than her ancestors after they immigrated from Europe. Needless to say, she did not like my answer, shook her head, and walked away.

It was now getting late and the

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servants started packing up. One of the tables still had a few items and an African-American lady, "Emily," was quietly putting two loaves of bread in a bag we provided her. Doris noticed and started yelling vicious racial insults and obscenities.

**"YOU DIRTY...!** You are taking food away from deserving people! Parasite! Worse than that, you are a no good for nothin' ....!" As she yelled, her fingers pointed at Emily with anger and hostility. In doing so, she screamed the n-word at least four times. As this was going on, Emily quietly finished filling her bag.

I smelled trouble. Emily was younger, taller, and significantly outweighed Doris. I walked between them anticipating an altercation, and approached Doris, demanding her to either stop her rants or leave.

**AS THE** messy situation escalated, I looked backward and saw Emily slowly turn around. My concerns were becoming more real. As Emily approached Doris, I noticed some-

thing bizarre. Emily actually had a smile on her face. The sun had set and it was hard to see, but the smile did not appear sarcastic or contrived. It looked genuine.

I was confused. Did I miss something? What is going on here? Still not knowing Emily's intentions, I held my arms out as a referee in a boxing match.

**AS EMILY** approached Doris, she said with her loving smile: "I don't know you, but you and I have something in common..." Doris was irritated and with animated body language yelled: "YEAH, LIKE WHAT??" Calmly, Emily responded: "God loves you... and God loves me..."

Doris was not carrying any weapons but at that moment she seemed totally disarmed. She stood as if frozen with her shoulders down. In contrast, I was standing there speechless in awe.

**EMILY SPOKE** again to Doris: "And you know what else? I love you because Jesus loves you..." A few seconds later, Doris slowly turned around and walked away. Matthew 5:44 rattled around in my brain, but it was firmly rooted in Emily's heart. Although it has been eight years, I vividly remember my tingly goose bumps and watering eyes.

Choked up, I took a deep breath and said to Emily: "That was unbelievable. You have Jesus in your heart. It is a privilege to meet you and witness a blessed event that I will never forget." Emily then reached out to me for a loving hug.

**AFTER INTRODUCTIONS**, she asked me: "Do you know the lady's name?" I told her no. She then continued: "Tonight I will pray for her. She needs God's love in her life. It was nice meeting you. God bless." With that said, Emily disappeared into one of the side streets.

Driving home I reflected on this night, thanking Jesus for His impact on this broken world. The glory of God was clearly manifested that evening at the Liberty Pole.

**MATTHEW 5:43-48:** "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

He can heal relationships. He can heal countries. He can heal the world. Thank you, Jesus for Your love that never fails.



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