

NEWSLETTER

“Awesome...this has got to be the most radical, effective ministry in our area...praise God!”

From Athesia - Rochester, NY

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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



Daniel 12:3 states *"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever."* Matthew 5:14-16 states *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."*

These verses remind us of one day in the ministry. It was a Saturday and we were doing an outreach at the headquarters for The Father's

Heart and this girl walked up to us and we asked her if she needed prayer. After we prayed, we told her that the Lord brought her here for a reason and all she said was, "I know. I saw this light over here and I didn't know what it was. But I just knew I had to come. It was so bright, I had to come!"

To our knowledge we have not seen her again. But our prayer is that she realizes what God did that day, she remembers the message from His word, and if that seed has not been harvested yet that it would be so she might know what it is to shine for Him.

This is our prayer at The Father's Heart Ministry: that we would shine for Jesus Christ, and that the hurting, broken, and lost of the City of Rochester and the surrounding areas would see the Light of Christ through the ministry, lay down their burdens and chains, and call out in repentance to the One True God, Jesus Christ who can take away their sins.

The Father's Heart has been busy the past couple months and we can't believe that it is June already, and with that the warm weather has really arrived. It is time to put our hands to the plow even more.

We are still going out Thursday and Friday nights along with Saturday during the day and we are starting to add on a second outreach for some Saturdays for the bus. Every 2nd through 4th Thursday the Cadillac Hotel Outreach is still going on along with every 3rd Saturday the Pines of Perinton, with our big Family Day at The Pines of Perinton coming up on July 21st. In Rochester, we have to take full advantage of the good weather and get out there into the harvest while we can.

The Lord continues to provide for the ministry; just a few examples of His provision is Little Caesar's Pizza; soon after the article in the D&C came out Little Caesar's called us up and they have been donating anywhere from 20 to 30 large pizzas every Wednesday!!!

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When we were running low on meat, Seven Bridges Farm out in Lima contacted us and donated over 300 pounds of meat!! Or our weekly bread donation from “Frank the bread man” that always comes through and at times it seems that the Lord multiplies the bread.

All this makes us think of the Scripture Psalm 9:10, *“And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.”* That is our prayer at The Father’s Heart, that this ministry would always seek the Lord in all things, that He would be our guide, our director, our head, and provider.

There have been many praise reports in the past few months at the ministry but there is one in particular that stands out.

We were at Jefferson and Champlain Street one Thursday night when a woman came up to the bus and wanted to give a praise report. She stated that her fiancé and her were at the bus last month and that they asked for prayer to be set free of their drug addictions; and the Lord faithfully answered that prayer and they were both completely set free from the drugs!!!

She looked like she was glowing and a new person but isn’t that what the scripture says in 2 Cor. 5:17: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”*

Our brothers and sisters over at the “Keys to the Kingdom” church located near Fulton and Emerson Streets are doing great!

The pastor’s wife called stating she wanted to let us know about the fruit that has taken place through the outreaches that we have been doing every fourth Saturday in their neighborhood.

From the outreaches there is a now a new family coming to the church that is going to be doing some of the worship, a new gentleman and a woman that was going to the church but wandered away and through prayer has come back.

This is just the fruit that the Lord has allowed for The Fathers Heart to see; we may never know until the Kingdom all that has happened through the ministry. We want to thank all the churches and individuals that have begun to come out with us on the ministry being His hands and feet and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

That is one of the biggest desires of the ministry, to see the body of Christ getting out there and being those evangelists and servants that we are all called to be, and we are seeing this happen and are so excited to see what the Lord has yet to come. We also want to thank everyone for their financial support and prayers for the ministry.

We are so excited for the next couple of months-they will be packed with so many opportunities to serve in the ministry, please check out the website’s calendar for locations & times -- www.thefathersheartroc.org and also check us out on Facebook under [thefathersheartroc](https://www.facebook.com/thefathersheartroc) and feel free to come out and get involved. If you can’t come please continue to pray for the ministry; for Gods direction, for His provision, for His strength and above all for His love to shine through us wherever He brings us and to be anointed afresh by His Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

Russ and Anne

Donation of the Month



June - Deodorant
July - Shampoo

The ministry supplies many toiletries to the needy and we often run low or even run out at times. We are implementing a new item of the month to keep the shelves stocked. There will be a basket in the Koinonia library, if you feel led to donate we would greatly appreciate it. If other churches would like to participate, we would be happy to pick up the items at the end of each month, just give us a call or drop us an email. Items can always be dropped off at Lake Avenue headquarters or can always be given to Russ or Anne when you see them. Thank you in advance for your support.

Hebrews 13:16: *“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*



Outreach on Lyell Avenue near Sherman Street

Thank You

How grateful we are for the many volunteers that come out each week. There is nothing better than doing the Lord's work! What faithful saints, the ministry cannot survive without you!

Seven Bridges Farm – For your donation of 300 lbs of meat, just when we were low. God continues to answer the prayers at just the right time.

Little Caesars – Donates 20-30 pizzas every week to the ministry. Many smiles when pizza is being served from the bus! Who doesn't love pizza? Thank you Little C's, you are the best!

Thanks so much for the continuous donations of food products and meat from **Palmers, Pittsford Food Cupboard and Samaritan Harvest** - what a blessing!

Koinonia Fellowship, Irondequoit Vineyard, Calvary Rochester, West-Side, Greece and Webster-We want to thank the many saints who continue to bless this ministry with clothes, thank you for your giving hearts.

A big THANK YOU to the **Elim Bible Institute Students**. Volunteers came out faithfully each week to various locations serving the Lord with us. After an outreach at Headquarters on April 14th, we sent them off to enjoy their summer with a garbage-plate party. Many blessings to each of you; enjoy your summer! Congrats to those of you who graduated and to the others-see you in September!

And he said to them, **"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation."** Mark 16:15

Come Join Us!



The Father's Heart at Lyell and Sherman Streets

If you have never been out to serve at an outreach, come out and be blessed. If you think you cannot do it, you will be surprised how easy it is. You can serve food, help people find clothes, pray with someone, give a listening ear; it all works to help the people and give glory to the Lord.

So many of the needy love being able to just talk with someone that will listen and giving you an opportunity to share the Gospel. Or you may share your voice if you are a gifted singer.

But if you're still not sure, just come and see what this ministry is all about - it is a blessing to step back and just watch what the Lord is doing at these outreaches. You can see the hurt in the eyes of Rochester people in need and how thankful so many are that we are there. You will leave blessed in so many ways and more importantly, you will be a blessing to others. Hope to see you there!

Please check out the Father's Heart website at: <http://www.thefathersheartroc> for the calendar listing where the outreaches are each week. Meet at Lake Ave Headquarters and follow the bus over or meet the bus right at the outreach..

Please Pray!



Praying with a Rochester Police Officer at the Liberty Pole, downtown

Our desire is to do nothing less nor anything more than glorify God in our words and actions as we minister to the needy all around the City of Rochester. The only thing that stands in the way is our flesh and the enemy. So how can we expect to advance in this battle? There is really only one answer: **PRAYER!**

You can help us push Satan to the sidelines through your prayers. Sidlow Baxter said, "Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers."

But you and I also need to fight our flesh every day as we try to serve the Lord. Even the Apostle Paul said, **"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but [how] to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do."** Romans 7:18-19 (KJV)

Russ and Anne have a standing prayer request always that it is never about their desire and allow His will to reign over them.

Community Action Project Rock the Lakes is going on in the city on June 2nd and June 9th and the bus was asked to be there to feed the people breakfast and lunch.

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Praise Items

May 17, 18 and 19th, there was a record 6 outreaches held and the ministry fed over 550 people, WOW, God provides and we are so thankful.

“Our team of 5th and 6th graders (called the 4:12 Team) served with you in April. It was a joy to hear their stories of how God worked as they served.”

We are so thankful that these young ones at Journey Christian Church came out to serve and through that experience, the Lord has given us another supporting church, to God be the Glory!

Thank you Journey Christian for partnering with us with prayer and being added to your missions budget.

Many are coming to know Christ as Lord of all!

Mobil Food Ministry Expands to Syracuse, NY

Members of the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Syracuse, NY assisted the Father's Heart during a recent weekend outreach and were so moved by the opportunities, that they went back to their home church and purchased a van that they plan to use to do a mobile soup kitchen. Although not related to The Father's Heart ministry, it is such a blessing to know that the Lord has used our ministry to expand into Central New York.

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Sharing God's Word with the spiritually hungry.

Why not come out and pray with us? There is prayer at headquarters (678 Lake Avenue) every 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. It is such a blessing to be able to pray for the ministry with other believers. You will be blessed and leave with a thankful changed heart!



Did you know that you can now go to the website (thefathersheartroc.com) and donate to The Father's Heart through PayPal?

Please Pray

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Pray that many would come out to volunteer to clean up the neighborhoods and that the ministry would make an impact on the lives that come up to the bus to be fed.

The annual **Pines of Perinton family day with Koinonia** is on July 21st. Please pray for the entire day to be surrounded with God's love, that all volunteers would shine for Jesus as we reach out to the many families that attend. Please pray for sunshine as well!

Rock The Lakes will be a huge blessing to Rochester, please pray that as June 16th and 17th draw near that all preparations will be in order and that the Lord's name would be lifted on high and many would come to know Jesus as their Savior. Please distribute the invitations to as many people as you can.

At The Father's Heart, we covet your prayers. So won't you pray for us and those that need Jesus to be their Savior? Thank you.



Russ and Anne praying before an outreach at N. Clinton and Oakman St.