



Proverbs 22:6: Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.



A young man helps Mom serve 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 PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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God works wonders as we build a barn

As I sit here at my desk, I am reminded of these verses:

Psalm 127:1: "Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain."

Hebrews 6:10: "For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

BROTHERS AND sisters, when God is leading a follower of Christ, a church, a ministry, or any work of God, He always provides the resources, people, direction and wisdom to do what He calls us to do. Philippians 4:19: "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

He will close doors that we are not to go through and open doors that we are to walk through, even when it seems impossible. But God is always doing something behind the scenes of His work, isn't He?

WE AT The Father's Heart are so

blessed to see our heavenly Father working in so many lives on the streets of Rochester. We are seeing radical salvation — transformations at almost every outreach. We will continue to bring the word of our Lord and the gospel message to the hurting, lost world in our great city as long as the Lord tarries.

YOU NEVER know who is listening or how just a prayer can impact someone's life. The other day at our outreach at Hudson Avenue and Bernard Street a man approached me and said, "I want to thank you. You prayed for me last year and I was going through some tough times, and since then my whole life has changed. Because of Jesus, I'm off the streets. I read my Bible every day and God is good!!"

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Amen!

JESUS HAS been so faithful to The Father's Heart ministry. Recently we had a 26-by-40-foot pole barn built at our headquarters on Lake Avenue to better serve the community. The barn, built partly with proceeds from our Sweet Jazz and Chocolate fundraiser last November, will be used

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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to store our bus and provide more storage space to accommodate donations.

Before we began construction, we had to remove a 75-foot-tall tree from the back yard. We also needed a lot of fill to bring the lot up to grade.

WE PRAYED for the Lord to open doors for The Father's Heart to connect with the right people. What did the Lord do? He provided the fill for free from a local company and three brothers in the Lord who have construction companies and brought their heavy equipment.

We purchased the pole barn from a local company. When they came to start work, we found out that all the workers are Amish and Mennonites. Boy, are they hard workers!

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We began to install the posts. They were going up fast, but then we ran into a major problem. The electric wire for the main building was too close to the barn and would have to be moved.

I CALLED Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. to see if they could send someone out. An hour later an RG&E representative pulled in and said we should have let them know about the issue a long time ago. We told him that we didn't know we would have a problem, and he said he would put in a work order.

GOD HAS a way of doing things. He can do anything at any time, any way He wants. You can't stop Him when He wants something done. Boy, He gets it done, and sometimes it's really fast. Well, a few of us men of God got together and prayed for the Lord to help us with this problem, and for His will to be done in Jesus' name. Matthew

19:26: "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

I'M NOT kidding, saints; within 15 minutes a big RG&E truck pulled into our lot to drop the power line and move it to a new pole that we had installed over a year and a half ago. If the new pole hadn't been there, we would have been at a real standstill for at least a couple of months.

But God knew what we needed. He knows everything before we even ask. Matthew 6:7-8: "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore, do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." Praise the Lord!

THE CONSTRUCTION crew was back on track again to erect the barn. We made lunch for all of the men who came to serve and were able to sit down with the Amish and Mennonites to have lunch and to share the life-changing message of Christ, and to pray with them. Not only that, at the end of the day we blessed each with huge bags of groceries for them and their families.

THEY COULD not believe that we were giving them all this food for free. I am reminded of Acts 20:35: "I have shewed you all things, how

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Outreach needs

Clothing: men's and women's pants.

Meals: plates, forks and hot cocoa mix.

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that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

WE THANK all who attended the fundraiser and give a special thank you to Perinton Community Church, which made the pole barn possible. We also thank all the volunteers who donated their time, equipment and materials. We are so grateful.

We still have work to do inside the barn. We plan on doing electrical work, drywall and insulation in a few weeks, and to place the concrete floor when the weather breaks in April or May.

We are praying for servants, particularly for concrete masons, to donate a Saturday and help with the floor. If you or your church would like to send some skilled work teams, please contact us.

WE ARE so blessed by everyone who prays, serves and gives to God's ministry at The Father's Heart. May God richly bless you and keep you and make His face shine upon you as you serve Him and serve others for the glory of His wonderful name.

—Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



To donate to The Father's Heart ministry through PayPal, go to thefathersheartroc.org, click on the contact/donate tab, and scroll down to the PayPal icon. Thank you!



A tree is removed from the site where the barn will go.

Building the barn

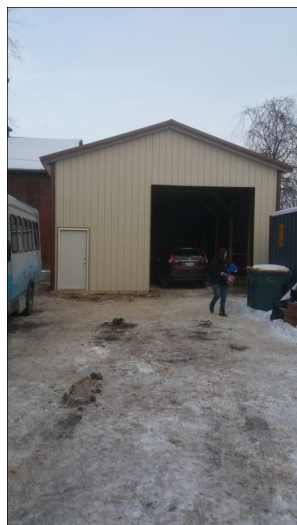
To see the construction in order, start at upper left and go clockwise.



Trucks of fill and gravel are brought in to raise the lot's grade.



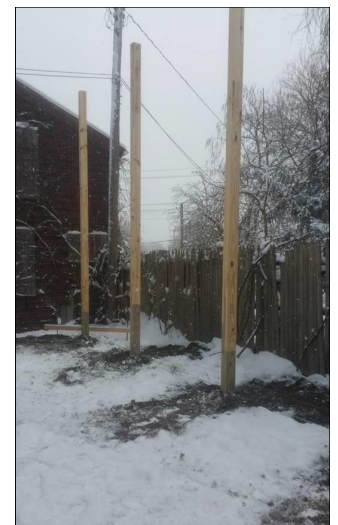
The fill is rolled for a firmly packed base.



The walls and roof are installed.



The posts are connected and roof trusses are set into place.



After holes are dug, the posts are installed.

Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

Shining God's light in a dismal world

Now that the holidays are done we are starting to see more people at the Pinnacle Place outreaches.

Our brother Steve gave the message last time and it was well received. Several people were asking questions and wanting to know more about the Lord. It's wonderful to know that there are some who are paying attention to the message and it is always good to talk to them about Jesus. We also know that God's word never returns void.

IT'S A blessing to know that the people appreciate the message, as well as the food and clothing.

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A hot meal is served.

WE SERVED some delicious soup that Pastor Russ made and every drop was gone, so not only were the people warmed by the soup, but we believe the message warmed their hearts as well.

God continues to bless the ministry and every part of it. We are so thankful for everyone who plays a part, from the people who help, to all the businesses that donate the food. God's hand is truly on the ministry of The Father's Heart and we are thankful to be a part of it.

"YOU ARE the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

Extended Ministries conducts outreaches year-round at Pinnacle Place apartments on the third Thursday of every month 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

Without love, our work means nothing

We have had a low turnout because of bad weather. However, those who have come for lunch have been especially blessed with worship and food.

PLEASE KEEP our friend David in continual prayer. He faithfully comes every month and he is never discouraged, although he rarely has food in his cupboard.

I feel blessed to be part of something so selfless as The Father's Heart ministry. There's always enough to help out those who just need that extra bit.

God is so faithful.

Without love we are nothing.

"THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

The Pines of Perinton outreach is held on the third Saturday of every month. To serve, contact Scott and Robin Wilson at (585) 402-5756.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 13: Proverbs 16:33

By a servant in Christ

God's perfect timing overcomes confusion

This is a story about contrast. Amidst my human confusion and uncertainty, a sovereign God with perfect timing reigned.

It was Saturday morning and a homeless man pushed his grocery cart toward The Father's Heart headquarters on Lake Avenue saying, "Things are bad with my life! What is the point?"

IN THE meantime, servants were huddling for prayer and brother John waved me to join. I pointed at the homeless man, whom I will call "Charlie", saying "I don't want to leave him right now." John replied "OK."

I noticed that Charlie had placed a copy of Romans in his grocery cart. Holding the book up, I told him the answer to his question was there: "... of Him and through Him and to Him are all things ..." (Romans 11:36).

Charlie squinted to read Romans and said: "I can't read the small letters. Sat on my glasses yesterday and broke them." Appreciating his dilemma, I offered to find him some reading glasses. He replied with an upbeat tone, "Very much appreciated! I want to read Romans!"

I HURRIED to the headquarters searching for reading glasses, but to no avail. I then looked for Charlie to

share the bad news but he had left.

Looking south down Lake Avenue I saw Charlie about two blocks away pushing his grocery cart. The thought crossed my mind to let things go but instead I ran to Tops. Unfortunately, reading glasses were nowhere to be found and an employee said they did not carry any.

THE HOLY Spirit brought me to a halt in the middle of the store and I prayed His will be done. I asked another employee who offered to help. He searched throughout the store as I followed, pessimistically shaking his head. Suddenly, he smiled as he found a hidden small box containing reading glasses. Thanking him, I ran to pay but lines were long with full grocery carts.

Would I ever find Charlie? A cashier was standing next to a checkout with a "closed" sign. I asked her if she would break the rules but she quickly shook her head "no." She sensed my disappointment and with grace turned on the register. She cashed me out at \$1.08.

BY NOW, only God knew where Charlie was so I prayed that my "wild goose chase" would be fruitful. I ran back to Wendy's where my car was parked and drove down Lake Avenue. Lo and behold, several blocks away, there was Charlie accompanied by brother John and a loving sister.

IN SHOCK, I did a U-turn and parked close to them. Charlie was saying with rage that he left the line at headquarters since some people in line had previously stolen from him. He warned: "They will sell any food they get from you guys for drug money!" John ministered to him and Charlie looked down confessing with guilt that

he was an alcoholic on his way to get a beer.

THE LOVING sister then told Charlie something none of us expected to hear from her: "Ten years ago I was on this very street. I was just like you. But Jesus took my heart, dragged me off the street and by His grace I was forgiven. I was born again and so can you."

Her eyes watered as she spoke and so did Charlie's. John asked him if he wished to repent and give his life to Jesus. Charlie softly said yes. The four of us then held hands and prayed. After prayer, I reached into my pocket, and gave Charlie the \$1.08 pair of reading glasses. His eyes bugged out saying "I can now read Romans!"

CHARLIE DID not go to buy a beer. Instead, he changed direction and returned to headquarters. There he was met by several servants who greeted him with love. He had two plates of food and was in fellowship for the rest of the outreach.

After we took down the tables and equipment, I heard Charlie say: "Thank You God, I am blessed." He left pushing his cart in the opposite direction he was originally headed. As I watched him go, I prayed that today was the day his life would change and he would follow Jesus.

IT WAS a privilege and a blessing to witness our Lord's mighty works. While I experienced uncertainty and discouragement, our sovereign God did not leave anything to chance. The mathematical odds of all this happening with perfect timing are close to zero. All by chance? No chance.

"The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD" (Proverbs 16:33).