

THE FATHER'S HEART
Rochester's Mobile Soup Kitchen For Christ

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."

Psalm 34:8: "Taste and see that the LORD is good."



A young lady serves a delicious hot meal on a cold day.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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The Lord gives so we can share

In this newsletter we want to take time to give thanks.

Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." So let's touch on some areas of thanks.

In Deuteronomy 28:8 we see the blessings on obedience. "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

MANY OF you don't get to personally see the weekly blessings that the Lord gives to The Father's Heart so we can share those blessings.

We pick up donations from Costco two days a week, from Wegmans three days a week, from markets on Thursdays from spring to fall, and from Zweigle's (We just got more than 15,000 all-beef hot dogs!) and Leo's Bakery whenever they call.

AND THEN three or four pallets of food come weekly on Wednesday mornings from a trucking company in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

It is here where we want to focus.

WHEN THE truck arrives from Lancaster, several men from different churches and residents from the city gather to unload and distribute these donations to many organizations around the area. The Lord has bountifully blessed the ministry. It is through these blessings that we are able to bless others.

As the men unload and organize the donations, trucks come from the Open Door Mission, Samaritan's Harvest, and the Veterans Outreach Center.

CARS FULL of food leave for Syracuse Teen Challenge and Hope Dealers BTC. A full van leaves for C.A.M.R.Y Outreach and a truck leaves for Grace House. A man from the streets walks up and asks for help and prayer.

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A young lady and her grandmother donate gloves in her late father's memory.

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In our last newsletter we shared some of the blessings we have received, but we also want to share with you the day in and day out sharing of the love of Christ to many. Through these donations we are able to say, "Here you go. See the Lord's provision."

OUR GOD is more than able. It says in 2 Corinthians 9:8-9, "And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, 'They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.'"

These donations have been able to provide bottled water to the Open Door Mission when they were out, and meat to Teen Challenge, Grace House and the Veterans Outreach Center when they were in need.

THEY PROVIDED snacks to hand out on the streets along with the word of God and prayer at C.A.M.R.Y Outreach. And above all we at The Father's Heart are able

to go out every Thursday, Friday and Saturday and supply those on the streets with bags of groceries and a hot meal through these donations. We just want to say a big thank you to all the companies and individuals that make this possible.

NOW LET'S move on to the donations of clothing. As many of you know we recently were in desperate need of winter coats, gloves, hats and scarves. We made a special appeal to you and the Lord blessed us exceedingly and abundantly by His servants answering

the call. We received so many winter clothes that we were able to bless many through them on the streets of Rochester.

ONE GIRL really touched our hearts. She and her grandmother came to an outreach on Hudson Avenue, bringing more than 100 sets of gloves to give out in memory of her father, who had died of a heroin overdose. She took her hurt and sadness and turned around and decided to bless others.

MATTHEW 25:36 says, "I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." Thank you all for your donations of clothing. Through them we were able to put gloves on a little girl's cold hands, wrap a scarf around a woman and pray for her healing, and put boots on a homeless man's feet and pray that the Lord would break his chains. Thank you.

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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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Toilet tissue and wipes are donated to Mothers In Need of Others of Rochester.

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We also want to give thanks for all the prayer warriors for the ministry. We know you are praying and we see those prayers being answered by the provision for the ministry. But we also see it in the day-to-day battle.

WE ARE in a battle on the streets of Rochester. The enemy hates what the ministry is doing. Time is growing short and the enemy wants to bring distractions, and try to stop the ministry from preaching the gospel on the streets.

IN EXODUS we see that the Israelites defeated the Amalekites when Moses held up the rod of God in his hands. He needed his arms to stay raised. In Exodus 17:12-13 it says, "But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek

and his people with the edge of the sword."

OUR VOLUNTEERS can sometimes grow weary. They may feel like it's not worth it, that it is a losing battle. But our prayer warriors have held up our arms for the past eight years and we thank you for being our arm bearers.

Please continue to lift up The Father's Heart ministry in your prayers, continue to hold up our arms and storm the gates for Jesus to continue to do His work, and be the God of Salvation to many through the ministry.

THEN LASTLY and **MOST** importantly we give thanks to Jesus Christ, for He is our provision, our Salvation, our Creator, our Provider, our Rock, our Fortress, our Heavenly Father, our Comforter, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and Omega, and King of Kings, our Redeemer, and Lord of Lords. Psalm 97:12 says, "Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name." Thank you so much, Jesus.

Love In Christ,
Russ and Anne Loria

Outreach needs

Clothing: Because of your generous response to our special request for winter outerwear in January, we are well stocked for all clothing. The Lord supplied what we needed. Thank you!

Personal hygiene: Conditioner, deodorant, and disposable razors.

Spiritual food: Children's Bibles and Bible story books.

Donations can be dropped off at The Father's Heart headquarters, 678 Lake Avenue, Wednesday through Friday from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. For information, call (585) 472-4331.



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God Speaks Through the City

Part 31: Juan 14:6
By a servant in Christ

Jesus: The only way to God the Father

Sadly, our North Clinton and Oakman outreach location known as "Heroin Alley" often provides evidence of the growing drug crisis.

Last year a man with a badly scarred face mentioned how he had just finished a seven-year prison sentence that morning and THE FIRST thing he did after getting out was to buy heroin. Another troubled gentleman once told me that he had moved to this area from Puerto Rico since heroin is cheaper and more available here.

ALTHOUGH THE North Clinton Avenue neighborhood is taking measures to reduce opioid and heroin use, The Father's Heart, Lamp Community Church, and other churches target this location to share the grace and love of Jesus with troubled souls. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

As I walked the streets inviting locals to a recent North Clinton outreach, I noticed a man sitting on the stairs of a large apartment complex next to our location. His posture was striking — head held tightly between his knees with his back and neck bent as a contortionist. I could hear Pastor Russ preaching the word of God, and I prayed it was reaching this troubled man.

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While approaching him, I invited a lady standing alone to the outreach. She was appreciative, stating that she was visiting her newborn granddaughter in one of the apartments and came down drawn to the word of God. She graciously declined the invitation saying: "La palabra de Dios es suficiente para mí" ("God's word is sufficient for me").

AFTER THOSE touching words, I asked her if she knew the poor man sitting by us. "No, I don't, but his posture is very familiar to me since my father sits like that when he does heroin. He has been a heroin addict for most of his life."

Given her age and faith, her comment took me by surprise. After a moment of awkward silence, "Carla" proceeded to share her testimony.

"LIFE HAS not been easy having an addict for a father. He was trapped by Satan through heroin while not providing the care and example a father should. As a young woman I too got involved with alcohol and drugs. How could I break from this? Only through Jesus..."

I asked her how she came to know our Lord and Savior. She answered: "I connected with a church and it showed me His path, not the path of this world. Not having a good example from my biological father, I sought one from my heavenly Father. He was there and will always be there for me. His **camino** (translation: path/way) is the one I follow. I pray ceaselessly that my father finds his heavenly Father."

AS PARENTS we strive to "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Unfortunately, it often does not happen.

Through The Father's Heart we



A priority at The Father's Heart is praying with those in need.

regularly see children being cared for by grandmothers or alone in the streets due to their parents' addiction, incarceration, or abandonment. Thank God that He views each one of us as His children, despite our upbringing and sins we may have committed following poor examples.

"THE SOUL who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself" (Ezekiel 18:20).

Jesus provides the path to all who seek Him, be it in Heroin Alley or upper-class neighborhoods in the suburbs. Even if we are forsaken by parents, family, or friends, He will lead us in His path if we seek Him. "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies" (Psalm 27:10-11).

Carla often exclaimed the word **camino** as she shared her testimo-

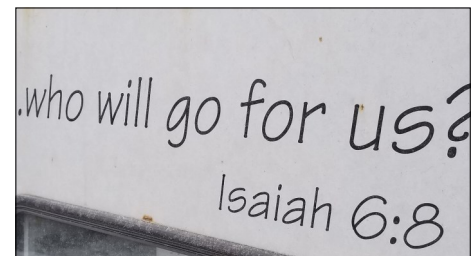
ny. As Psalm 16:11 states, He will show us the path of life, and in His presence is fullness and joy. Carla's emphasis on her **camino** became even clearer after reading how Jesus answered Thomas' question regarding "the way" in the "Reina Valera" Spanish bible:

"Jesús le dijo: Yo soy el camino, y la verdad, y la vida; nadie viene al Padre, sino por mí" (Juan 14:6).

"JESUS SAITH unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Thank You, Jesus, for being the **camino** unto our Father.

Amen.



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Thank you!