



*Psalm 65:8: You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.*



*Evening falls on the grocery line.*

*Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"*

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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## They came in chains but left unshackled

**M**atthew 11:28 says, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

David Crowder has a song called "Come As You Are." Some of the

lyrics say, " So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home You're not too far, so lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are."

**ON A** recent outreach a young gentleman named "Mark" had listened to the message, had gone through the line, and had received all the food and clothing he needed. But a look on his face led us to ask him if he needed prayer.

He shook his head "yes" as tears started falling down his cheeks. He said to us, "I have a gun in my side pocket. I don't go anywhere without my gun but I'm sick of everything. I want to lay it all down."

**HE SHARED** with Pastor Russ how

he has been coming to the bus on and off through the years since he was a teenager, and Pastor Russ remembered him. Pastor Russ recalled that Mark had been shot in the head at one point and survived.

**PASTOR RUSS** started to share with him about the Lord, and Mark just kept repeating, "I want to lay it all down." Then Anne called his girlfriend "Brenda" over to her and asked her if she needed prayer for anything. She started crying.

Brenda had just found out she was a few weeks pregnant. She continued to cry about how much she has hurt her family and has an anger issue and wanted to get right with the Lord.

**IF YOU** had been looking down  
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upon The Father's Heart ministry that day you would have seen Pastor Russ with his arms around Mark, and Anne with her hands in Brenda's hand, with some of the volunteers gathered around them both lifting their prayers to the One who takes away all of our burdens.

**MARK AND** Brenda left with a whole different countenance. They came with faces that looked sad and downtrodden and they left with joy and smiles on their faces.

Ezekiel 36:26 says, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

Mark and Brenda walked away with new hearts that day. They were new creatures in Christ. They walked away with Bibles, information on where to get help for her and her baby, a list of churches where they can go to hear the word of God, and with a full belly.

**BUT MOST** of all they walked away with the greatest gift. Their burdens were lifted, they were set free of the chains that bound them.

Why? Because they came as they were and the Lord used His saints to show them that He loves them, He forgives them, and most of all He will never forsake them.

Love In Christ,  
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

**2 Corinthians 5:17:** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*



*At North Clinton and Oakman, hands go up as hearts are surrendered to Jesus, and prayer is offered for a new believer.*



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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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## God Speaks Through the City

Part 26: John 6:51  
By a servant in Christ

### Amidst disruption, God's light shines

Late in April Hudson Avenue was "on fire," as a brother summarized it. What could that mean?

Biblical fire comes in several flavors, for example, fire burning in the altar (Leviticus 6:13), fire of the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:16), and the furnace of fire (Matthew 13:42). As it often happens, we experienced a variety of fires during our Hudson outreach.

**THE CROWD** was focused on the word, nodding their heads, followed by heartfelt amens. The altar and Holy Spirit fires abounded.

During the gospel message, however, a motorcycle gang of three wearing masks became disruptive.

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*Those in need gather on Hudson.*

They drove by us once, twice, three times, cranking up their bikes as they passed to make as much noise as possible.

**ONE OF** the riders even went the wrong way on the busy street to be as close to us and as loud as possible. Guided by the enemy, they sought attention and chaos.

As this was happening I stood next to a beautiful little girl who had earlier offered me a tract saying: "Jesus loves you!" Every time the masked riders went by she grimaced putting her hands over her ears, shaking her head in displeasure saying, "Not cool. Not cool. They are trying to shut down God. They will never be able to do that..."

**SHE HAPPENED** to be absolutely right. The crowd responded to the word, lifting their arms for prayer

and salvation. Out of the mouth of babes.

**AS SERVANTS** blessed the people with groceries, some of us noticed a lady passing out *Watchtower* magazines. A brother tried to minister to her but had trouble getting a word in edgewise. After some time, he politely told her: "You are obviously very sincere about your beliefs. Unfortunately, you are sincerely wrong."

She went on to receive groceries and a meal but continued to hand out literature. To avoid further disruption, Pastor Russ asked her to move on. As she walked away, she approached me saying, "I appreciated your food, but not your religion."

**THIS GAVE** me an opportunity to share with her our ministry's ultimate purpose, "If you liked our food, that is all that matters. Jesus is THE food we share. HE is the Living Bread of life."

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*Hot meals are ready to go.*

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**AS BOTH** flavors of fire burned, I noticed an emaciated man quietly heading south on Hudson Avenue. Disheveled, torn clothing, scruffy, but seemingly on a mission. The Holy Spirit led me to run after him and offer him food and groceries.

The gentleman, "Phil," said he could not stop since he was going to an important meeting. "I would love to get groceries and the meal but can't. Have not eaten anything in two days sleeping in the streets. I'm starving but thank you."

**I ASKED** Phil if he would be able to eat a meal on his way to the meeting. "YES!!" was his enthusiastic response.

We had not started serving the meals yet but asked the busy work-

ers in the bus to help. A kind teenage girl was able to make a plate, find the sausage, and scoop enough for a meal. Phil was still heading out but after a brief jog I was able to catch up to him.

**HE WAS** thankful and emotional. "Tough sleeping in the streets. New for me..." he explained. As I tried to encourage him through the love of Jesus and His grace, Phil looked down, body language saying: "I deserve this."

When we deal with those who sleep in the streets, it adds so much to our message remembering that our sinless Lord Jesus shared that very trial with the homeless.

**"AND WHEN** Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a

command to depart to the other side. Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, 'Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head' " (Matthew 8:18-20).

**AFTER A** tight hug and loving thank you, Phil walked away looking back periodically and waving goodbye. He left with dire hunger for the food we provided but, most importantly, a newfound hunger for Jesus.

Hudson Avenue was on fire indeed. Many accepted Jesus as Savior. Masked riders tried to create chaos, were rebuked by a little angel, and failed miserably. A false teacher accepted the wrong type of food from us. A homeless man was encouraged that our King of kings and Lord of lords would feed him His love even when he has nowhere to lay his head.

**JOHN 6:51** says: "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."



*Volunteers stack incoming donations (left), conduct worship (above left), serve hot food (above right), and distribute groceries, clothing, and Bibles (below).*



## Outreach needs

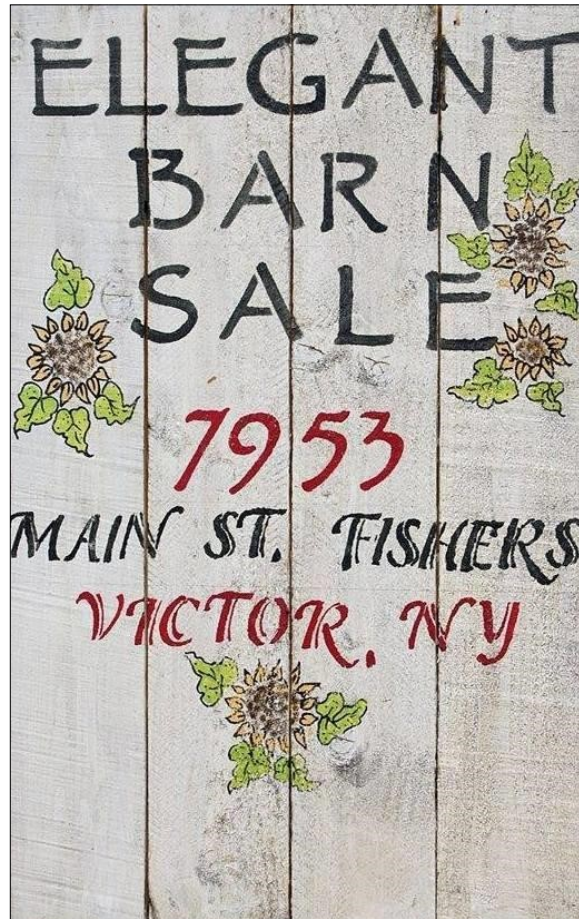
**Clothing needs:** Men's and women's shorts and jeans, and summer clothes for children.

**Hygiene needs:** Toothpaste, conditioner, razors, and deodorant.

**Spiritual food:** Bibles.

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.





**What:** Come out for a little fun and some shopping at this barn sale and stop by The Father's Heart table to buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes of more than \$500 worth of gift cards to local gift stores and antique shops, a salon, and some restaurants. Tickets will be \$5 and all proceeds will go to The Father's Heart. We will also be selling our shirts and sweatshirts.

This is an indoor and outdoor event with vintage collectables and handmade artists' treasures in an old barn in Fishers. It's a unique blend of old and new, elegant and rustic. There's plenty of parking along the side of the road and across the street at Fishers Park.

**Where:** 7953 Main Street Fishers  
Victor, NY 14564

**When:** Saturday, May 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.