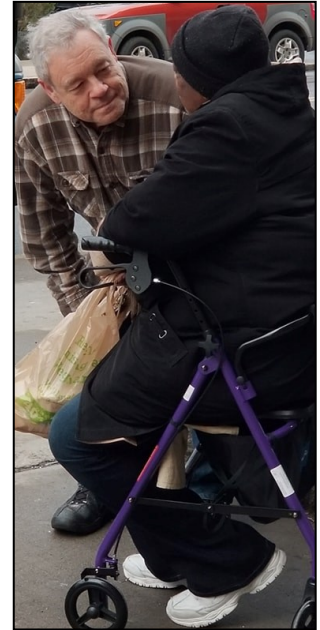




Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I; send me."

1 Peter 3:15: "...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..."



UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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A blink in time impacts eternity

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "...pray without ceasing..."

ON SATURDAY, March 30, we had our first ever Prayer Walk for The Father's Heart ministry. People came to pray over every outreach location that The Father's Heart goes to throughout the month. We met at Bethel Christian Fellowship for breakfast, prayer and a brief exhortation, and from there went to every site for about 15 to 20 minutes each.

AT EVERY location we gathered in a circle, bowed our heads before the Lord, lifted up our voices, and cried out for the Lord to hear our prayers for every location and for the city of Rochester.

You see, we had people from several churches in our area come together for one reason only: to take

the city of Rochester and The Father's Heart ministry and all the people that we have contact with to the throne of God.

WE PRAYED for the hurting and the ones in need of food and clothing, and we prayed for them to see the love of Jesus through us.

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Praying in the rain.

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We prayed for the addicted. We even had a lady pray that the Lord would stop the drugs from getting into our city. And what happened the next week? There was a big drug bust of heroin that was bound for our city. The Lord heard our prayers.

WE PRAYED that people would be drawn to the outreaches by the Holy Spirit. We prayed for protection over all of the volunteers while we are on the front lines at the outreaches. We must say that to this date, by the grace of God, we have never had a situation at any of our outreaches; the Lord has been our shield.

But what did we pray for the most? We prayed for the salvation



The third stop on the Prayer Walk was on Jefferson Avenue.

of souls. The Lord has heard our prayers, because week after week we have people accept the Lord. We prayed that they would truly understand and mean what they are doing.

PSALM 81:1 says, "Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob." At each location one of the most beautiful times was when we would break out in praise and song to the King of Kings.

How could we not worship Him on the streets where He has shown and shined down so much mercy and grace? How great Thou art, oh Lord! You will receive all honor and praise and glory for now and forever.

THANK YOU, Lord, for all the blessings, the protection, all the souls saved, and all the seeds planted. Thank you for every item of food, clothing, toiletries, tracts, and Bibles that you have provided. Thank you for letting us hear that Your ministry is making a difference on the streets of Rochester. Thank you for that awesome time of prayer and praise that day on March 30.

JUST A blink of an eye were those hours spent out on the streets before Your throne, worshiping and crying out to You. But what an eternal difference it made.

Love In Christ,
Russ and Anne Loria

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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Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

Always be ready to give the word

Happy Resurrection Day to everyone! The Lord is risen, and He reigns over all the earth. Praise and honor and glory be to Him forever and ever.

We had a wonderful turnout the Saturday before Easter at The Pines of Perinton apartments. Everyone was blessed by the worship and the message that Pastor Dan shared.

HE SPOKE about the wonderful love and hope that we have in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The only hope we have is in the Lord. He rules and reigns in the hearts and minds of all who believe in Him. It was so great to see the people who came, and to hear them worship our wonderful Savior and Lord.

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*A hot meal is served
at Pinnacle Place.*

Before we started to prepare for the outreach we were disappointed to find that the building was not opened for us. We had to wait more than an hour for the door to be unlocked.

SOMEONE DID come with a key for the door, but it didn't fit. As we waited for someone else to come with a key, Pastor Dan and I were able to witness to the first person who came for the outreach

It sounded like he had lost his faith, not only in the church he once attended but also in God. We spoke to him about the Lord and how much He loves us all, and the sacrifice He made for us on the cross.

YOU COULD tell this man had been hurt through his divorce with his wife and the very little support he got from his church. He had given up hope that the Lord even cared about him. He seemed to know some scripture so we assumed he must have had a relation-

ship with Christ, and was backslidden. We invited him to attend service at Pastor Dan's fellowship.

DESPITE OUR frustration over the delay in getting started with the outreach, the Lord had a reason, if only to witness to someone who had lost faith in Christ. We need to remember that sometimes the Lord uses interruptions in life to minister to others. We need to be able to preach the gospel in season and out of season.

The Lord commands us to preach the gospel to everyone whether or not it's convenient.

WE PRAY that the Lord will use all of us in whatever way He sees fit to add many more to His kingdom. It is every believer's responsibility to proclaim the good news of the gospel to everyone the Lord puts in our path. Our nation and our world are in desperate need of the saving power of the gospel. Let's not fail to have compassion for those who don't know the Lord.

The Lord said, "You are my friends if you do what I command" (John 15:14) and, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

IT IS the Lord's desire that none should perish but that all would come to repentance and be saved. The Lord can use us if we will be available when we are needed.

Extended Ministries conducts outreaches from spring to fall on the second Thursday of the month at Northside Park in East Rochester and year-round on the third Thursday of the month at Pinnacle Place apartments in Rochester and on the third Saturday of the month at The Pines of Perinton apartments. To volunteer, contact Frank and Diane Rivaldo at frivaldo@outlook.com

God Speaks Through the City

Part 32: Romans 8:14-17

By a servant in Christ

He sought the word to break his chains

After helping unload the truck and group prayer, my routine at one particular outreach location is to connect with "Laval," a sweet Christian man with whom I have developed a close friendship.

In our most recent outreach there I did not see him; unusual since he arrives early to help. Laval does go through the food line but always gives priority to others. His attendance is so consistent that I thought about asking people if they had seen him and if he was OK. I did not follow through with that; instead, I prayed that Laval was well.

AFTER WE set up, Pastor Russ led us in prayer and preached a prophetic message from Isaiah about Jesus and His resurrection. As I listened, in the corner of my eye I saw Laval's arrival, which filled my heart

Outreach needs

Hygiene: Toiletries, such as conditioner and deodorant.

Spiritual food: Bibles, and 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.



A servant offers prayer during the gospel message on Hudson Avenue.

with joy. After Pastor Russ closed with prayer, I approached Laval and sensed something was not right. Softly he said: "I am in great need of prayer... can we go over there?" as he pointed to a more private area.

WE DEPARTED from the crowd and sat on a bench, arms around each other. I waited for him to explain what he wanted prayer for and was surprised by what he said:

"Tomorrow is my birthday but it will be full of trials." I got closer to him and squeezed him tighter, waiting for his prayer request. Laval then dropped a bomb that I never expected: "My daughter is in prison for murdering two men. They have set a bail for her of two million dollars..."

I was speechless. We often hear of addiction, incarceration, illness, and poverty, but this one took me completely by surprise.

LAVAL CONTINUED to share what he knew about the incident that happened two days before, but details are too complex and tragic to include here. He explained the incident took place in the Deep South and of his concerns regarding capital punishment in that state.

I provided encouragement that the case needed to go through due process and that she would be con-

sidered innocent until proven guilty. Consistent with the man of faith he is, Laval stated: "I trust in the Lord for He is good. Whatever He chooses to do I will accept. His will, not mine, be done."

AS I prayed for Laval, I also struggled getting words out. Our heads were touching, and our embrace tightened as people passing by wondered what was going on. The conversation became deeper in substance and more personal.

He shared that after hearing the news, he became "shackled" to his

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The food line on Hudson Avenue.

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room. Shock, fear, and confusion kept him secluded and "under attack by Satan." Understandably, he was uncomfortable sharing the tragedy with others; "I am so shaken that I have shared what happened only with a few people..."

WHY WAS Laval sharing this tragic event with me? He answered my question without me having to ask it: "As I struggled fighting the enemy in my bed, I remembered The Father's Heart was here tonight. The word would be shared, prayers from loving people would be there. I felt safe and blessed to open my heart to you. I became unshackled and here I am... The gospel, prayer, and your love bring joy to my heart. See, I can even smile now..."

WITH TEARS in his eyes, Laval smiled. He continued: "I love you and our Father brings us together as His children. Please pray for me as I travel south where my daughter is incarcerated. I do not have much money, will have to walk away from my job, find a way to get there and a place to stay."

I encouraged him to seek fellow-



Without being asked, this young homeless man grabbed a shovel to clear snow at an outreach on Lyell Avenue.

ship with other servants and participate in the outreach. I then departed from the crowd seeking a place of solitude to pray and seek His guidance. A few people saw my grief but did not approach me.

Thank God for that; my focus and



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Thank you!



Worship at Pinnacle Place.

tears needed to be vertical at that time. Before leaving and without him asking, I broke our ministry's rules and gave Laval all the money I had in my wallet in the name of Jesus.

THE LOVE of a father suffering for his child's wrongdoings. The unfathomable love of our Father forgiving His children despite our wrongdoings. Penniless and battered, Jesus carried His cross of grace to Calvary to redeem sinners.

As a child of God, with little means, hurt by his daughter's actions, Laval carried his cross to the Deep South. He became unshackled from Satan's attacks by seeking the word. He trusted brethren outside his biological family, having different skin color and backgrounds, in prayer.

I URGE ALL READERS TO KEEP BROTHER LAVAL IN PRAYER.

But let not our hearts be troubled, His Father will never forsake him.

ROMANS 8:14-17: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."



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