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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 PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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The Lord provides in a critical time

The song "Way Maker" by Leeland has been the song on our hearts during the past two months. "You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, Light in the darkness. My God, that is who you are." Then it goes on to say, "You

are here, touching every heart, I worship You. I worship You. You are here, healing every heart ... You're turning lives around...You mended every heart. I worship You, yeah I worship You."

WE ARE clinging to those words even more during these times. The Father's Heart has had many changes happen through the past two months, along with the whole world.

We are now doing only a weekly "curbside, drive-thru" outreach on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 678 Lake Avenue in Rochester, the ministry headquarters. Those who come receive a box of groceries along with hot meals for their family.

We have been serving around 180 families groceries and about 300

meals on those Saturdays. We must admit at the beginning of all this we were wondering, "How are we going to do this? How are we going to continue to go out and serve the community and be able to keep to the social distancing rules?"

But the Lord revealed what would work.

IT HAS been amazing to see the Lord's provision for the ministry during this time. We had received donations to purchase food for these outreaches a few weeks back, so we purchased canned vegetables and pasta and we prayed that the Lord would provide sauce, and what happened? We received a pallet of canned tomatoes and a pallet of diced tomatoes.

We prayed for something with pro-

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At right, the line from the parking lot next door; bottom left, directing traffic; bottom center, groceries ready to go; bottom right, ready for delivery.



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tein and in that same delivery we received protein bars to give out. Our God is so good.

DUE TO the Lord's provisions, the monetary and food donations of many, and the prayers of the saints, The Father's Heart has been able to continue to be a light right now during these crazy times.

At the outreaches we have had the cars line up and spill over into the parking lot next door to the ministry, and it's in this lot that much of the Lord's work is being done.

EVERY WEEK we have been able to distribute tracts to every person receiving groceries, so they are not only getting physical needs met but their spiritual needs as well.

We have had volunteers in the side lot go and pray with every car that comes through. There have been prayers for healing, protection, provision, and for no fear or anxiety; for some a prayer of repentance calling out to the Lord, and even some who were seeking for the truth. For those we were able to give them a Bible.

WE HAVE been able to minister comfort for some who have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 virus and show that the Lord is the provider with a box of groceries to some who are out of work.

We wish we could give hugs to bring peace to those who are in tears from anxiety and fear of what tomorrow will bring, but through the prayers they see the heart of their heavenly Father who cares for them. We are able to share that Jesus is on the throne and how much He is mindful about each and every one of them.

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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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Some encouragement from Anne Loria:
 In April we prayed for a man who had severe headaches for years with doctors having no answers. Two weeks later he returned and said his headaches were gone. He stated that he knew his healing was from the Lord! Even though we can't lay hands on people because of the COVID-19 virus, Jesus is still reaching out and touching many!

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We have to admit fear gripped us a little in the beginning of all this and daily we have to go to the Lord and cast our fear at His feet. But the Lord has truly revealed that if His people will hearken to His word and step out in faith, that He will truly show that He is the Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper and through Him, His church can be the light in the darkness.

WE LOVE you all and are in prayer for you daily. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face shine upon you and give you peace.

Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



During one outreach at the ministry headquarters in mid-April, volunteers blessed 175 families with groceries and 265 hot meals to go.

Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

During trouble, let's share Christ

With the COVID-19 virus keeping us in our homes and stopping us from seeing our friends and family, it has been a tough time for all of us, even more so for people who have contracted the virus or have lost loved ones from it.

THIS IS a terrible time in our nation's history, but we believe God has a purpose and that nothing happens without His permission. It is a time of warning, and a time of testing for us all.

We believe our God is separating the wheat from the chaff, believers and non-believers. He is allowing

this pandemic to draw more people to Him. Our service to Him is to bring the gospel message to those who are not believers in Christ. This is the work God has given us, and I guess the question for all of us is how we are doing so far.

HOW MUCH time are we spending in prayer? How much time do we spend in God's word so we can know Him better? When we have a chance to speak to someone about Him, and our faith in Him, do we

take the time to do so? Do we worship Him with our whole heart in songs and praise?

I BELIEVE God will reward us for being faithful in sharing our faith with others, or He will hold us accountable for what we didn't do when we had the opportunity.

These certainly are difficult times for our nation, but also a good time for us to do an evaluation of who we are in Christ. Are we just going through the motions when it comes to our relationship with Jesus, or is He first and foremost in our lives?

GOD HAS given us a time when people are searching for answers for the problems the world is facing. We can take advantage of this time by telling others about the hope we have in our savior Jesus Christ.

I believe God has opened a window in time to give non-believers a chance to turn to Him and repent.

I remember another time in our nation's history when that terrible

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Outreach needs

Hygiene: Soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash.

Food: For those who want to donate food, please purchase non-perishable food for a family, place it in a bag, and drop it off at our headquarters at 678 Lake Avenue. Please contact us by email first at thefathersheartroc@hotmail.com to set up a drop-off time.

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day, 9/11, took place and people returned to churches and prayed and sought God. Sadly, it was only for a short time and everyone went back to business as usual.

WE PRAY that will not happen again, and that a great revival will begin across our land. Let it begin in my own heart first.

Even though we can't get together face to face, we still have phones and other means to keep in touch with others who are hurting right now. I am sure we all know someone we can comfort. Let us all show the love of Christ to someone today while we still have the time.

MATTHEW 9:37-38: "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'"

We miss seeing and ministering to all the people at The Pines of Perinton, and we hope that we can begin again, to bring God's message of love and hope to them soon. Our prayer is that the Lord will keep everyone safe and healthy till we see them again.

PSALM 28:7: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him."

Extended Ministries looks forward to resuming its outreaches 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, and at special outreaches with the hot dog cart from spring through fall.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 38: Matthew 18:20
By a servant in Christ

A new life starts with arms high

In our last article of God Speaks Through the City in the March-April issue of the newsletter, a very distraught man, "Kenneth," struggled with a number of issues: the recent death of two brothers; witnessing the murder of a third brother; his hospitalization for physical and mental illness; his conviction and imprisonment for murder; and his inability to support his wheelchair-ridden mother with cancer.

WE MET Kenneth before the COVID-19 virus, social distancing, and closure of churches took effect. It is hard to imagine how the sec-



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Hot meals are boxed to go.

ond part of this story could have taken place without physical closeness during prayer, loving hugs, intimate visits to his shelter, and the experience at church which follows.

KENNETH EXPRESSED concerns of going to church, given he was a convicted murderer, but was encouraged after hearing that God chose Moses, also a murderer, to guide His chosen people out of Egypt, and Jesus blessed a repentant criminal hanging on the cross.

Given his criminal history and mental illness, I shared Kenneth's story with my pastor, who graciously supported his attendance at church.

Kenneth was pleasantly surprised and thankful that he would be allowed at church services.

EVERY TIME he attended, I noticed a total immersion in the message, seeking further depth relative to what he had heard using his new Bible. Conversations turned from his prior criminal activities to his faith in Jesus and thankfulness for what He was doing in his life.

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Kenneth obtained a job as a painter, and although prior physical ailments caused him great pain going up and down ladders, his attitude had dramatically changed.

A LOVING brother and I took Kenneth to an all-night prayer meeting at church. Having never previously attended such an event, he seemed in awe as he personally witnessed fifteen saints praising the Lord in prayer and worship.

I noticed Kenneth's body shake when he stood up from his chair, so I approached him. Emotionally he said: "You know my troubles well and where I have been ... Could you pray for me? Please??"

IT WAS a blessing to hear him ask for prayer given his tragic past. I asked him if there was something specific that I should pray for and he responded: "Don't need to leave anything out ..."

I put my arm around his shoulder and proceeded to pray. As difficult issues were prayed for, Kenneth continued to shake and began to weep with his arm lifted high.

MANY SAINTS in the room were visibly moved by Kenneth and his prayer. Several stood from their chairs and approached him. After I finished, others asked Kenneth if they could also pray for him and he nodded his head in agreement.

Suddenly, ALL saints in the room stood up from their chairs, approached Kenneth, and reached out to lay hands upon him. As Kenneth raised his arm upward, his knees collapsed while leaning against a chair.

KENNETH WEPT, others wept (myself included), and all was well because "Jesus wept" (John 11:35).



The food pickup area in front of The Father's Heart Ministry headquarters.

IT WAS my hope, as people laid hands on him, that Kenneth would follow Paul's advice to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:15: "Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all."

Physical presence and intimacy. Acts 9 shares how Ananias entered a house and laid his hands on Saul, asking Jesus to restore Saul's sight

and fill him with the Holy Spirit. Years later, after his own salvation, Paul advised Timothy to use the gift that was given to him with the laying on of hands by the elders.

THE CURRENT pandemic that is sweeping the world has led The Father's Heart to continue sharing food, prayer, tracts, and the love of Jesus to passersby while sitting in their cars. The Lord shows His vessels new ways during trials and tribulation, confirming He is the Alpha and the Omega.

NO VIRUS can overcome His sovereignty, His grace, and His Son's redemption of sinners. Still, during these times, we must pray in anticipation, awaiting the day when we can:

Hug our brethren in the Lord.

Hug the lost who need Jesus.

Lay hands on those needing prayer.

Attend church our brethren.

Lead the lost to church.

Gather together in His name.

Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

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