

Psalm 68:10: You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.



Fresh fruits and vegetables, free for the taking, at Lyell and Sherman.

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?"

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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Our duty is to sow for God's kingdom

We thank you all for your prayers for Russ's dad during this time of his serious illness. He isn't doing that well but we are trusting and believing that God's timing is perfect, as is His way.

ON THE back of The Father's Heart soup kitchen bus is part of Isaiah 6:8: "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'" That has been our mission: to be sent out into the streets of the city of Rochester.

A LOT of Christians go out to the highways and byways to witness. They minister to their co-workers, give a tract at a restaurant, give a homeless person a meal and blanket, or donate funds to overseas missions. When it comes to family, though, sometimes those are the hardest ones for all of us to reach.

BUT LET us tell you of the Lord's faithfulness to bring others into the lives of your family members — if you just pray.



The back of the bus.

WHILE ANNE was at the hospital with Russ's dad, he wanted to get some fresh air, which is rare because he likes to just lay around or watch the Yankees' games on television in the hope that they lose. Yes, he is the only man we know who will not miss a game of theirs, but wants them to lose.

As everyone was sitting on a bench outside the hospital, a man came
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and sat with us. He mentioned The Father's Heart to Russ's brother. He told Russ's dad how, when he was homeless, the Lord provided food and clothing through the ministry, but most of all the gospel.

THE MAN went on to tell all of us that he now has Jesus as his Savior and how the Lord has set him free from his old lifestyle.

As Anne stood there he continued to speak scripture to Russ's dad. It was amazing to hear and it brought Anne to tears.

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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THE LORD was faithful to bring this man into the path of Russ's dad. We all really reap what we sow. We know that pertains to a whole spectrum of things, but here it showed us to reap for the Kingdom. Be faithful and spread His word; you may be the answer to the prayer of a brother or sister in the Lord who is interceding for their loved one.

LET US sow, sow, sow. Russ's dad has called out to the Lord, so thank you for the many years of prayer for that. Now we can rest knowing that He will be with His King and Savior when he passes from this earth. That is the best gift, the blessed assurance.

We love you all.
Russ and Anne Loria



A bag of groceries brings a big smile to a little guy at Petra Christian Fellowship.

1 Chronicles 16:34: *Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.*

Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

God spreads his word through the faithful

Fall is one of our favorite times of the year, with the brilliance of colors, and the warm days and cool nights. It's a good time to look back on the past year and thank God for all He has provided, and for all He has accomplished through the ministry of The Father's Heart.

MY WIFE and I are grateful that we can still be a part of this ministry. It's a good ministry to be involved with, especially for the times in which we are living. There are so many souls who need Jesus in their lives and it's a joy to be able to point them to one who truly loves them.

There isn't much a person can depend on today except the Lord. He knows all the pain and sorrow in our lives and He truly cares about each one of us, especially those who don't know him as Lord and Savior. It's a privilege to be able to share the gospel and the love of Christ with people who are hurting.

WE HAVE had another good year with The Father's Heart and hopefully planted some good seed through the outreaches at The Pines of Perinton and East Rochester.

The last time for the hot dog cart in East Rochester was in September and we had a great turnout with a lot of young people listening to a great message of salvation through Jesus Christ. There was some disap-

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Volunteers pray with a woman during a harvest festival at Koinonia Fellowship in East Rochester.

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pointment when they learned it was the last outreach for the year. We have established some great friendships and look forward to picking up where we left off in the spring.

THE PINES continues to be a good outreach. There have been some Muslims attending if for no other reason than curiosity. Whatever the reason, we know that God's word never returns void. We had a young family come today but unfortunately they had to leave because their young children were becoming restless. However they did hear the worship and part of the message. As they left they said they were sorry they had to leave. Please pray that they will return to hear more of God's word.

There is a large Muslim population at the Pines and we are praying

that the Lord will bring more. This month we will be serving a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Please pray that the Lord will bring many people to this outreach.

With Thanksgiving fast approaching there is much to thank God for. We still live in a nation where we can freely worship our God, and are free to tell others about the gift of salvation and the sacrifice that was made on their behalf for all people by our wonderful Savior Jesus. We all need to do our part and tell others the good news.

THE LORD has gifted each of us with the ability to tell others about the gospel. He gives us the right words at just the right time. All we need to do is open our mouth and let Him speak through us. We just need to be available and allow Him to use us. We can be effective in spreading the gospel if we will live according to what we believe.

We pray that everyone will have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends, and that we remember to pray for all those who have yet to receive Christ.

"SO SHALL My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

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 23: Psalm 139:7-10

By a servant in Christ

The Lord speaks softly through a child's voice

Tables were all set at the Lyell Avenue outreach and music played. A large crowd was gathered to be fed by the abundant food and the word of God.

Within the busy line were four children, of different ages and races, but united as family. A guardian was with them, smiling, rapidly puffing cigarette smoke, while explaining the complex relationship between her and the children. Frankly, it was hard for me to follow all the family-boyfriend-girlfriend-neighbor relationships so I focused on the children.

THEY WERE excited and inattentive, except for a little girl with eyes that spoke to me. Her eyes were soft, yet intense. She appeared detached from all around her, yet somehow seemed fully aware. It is

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Outreach needs

Clothing needs: Winter coats.

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.

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hard to explain. I bent my knees and gave her a shiny coin with the Ten Commandments asking her if she knew what they were. She responded: "God is telling us how we need to behave." A five-year old's perspective; simple and concise.

THE GIRL'S guardian was amused and between the rapid puffs of smoke she said, "Yeah, she would know that. Interesting little kid. Begs me every week to take her to church. Of all things, Bible study! She can't even read but she sucks it all in!" Meanwhile, the little girl's eyes continued to be glued on mine with an unchanging expression. I focused my attention entirely on the girl, whom I am calling "Keisha," and told her: "I am so happy you love the Lord! Why do you love God so much?"

Very softly she said: "I learned that God loved me before I loved Him, even when I didn't know Him. I



Believers join hands in prayer during an outreach at North Clinton and Oakman.

know He is everywhere (swirling her hand upward) and that means He is also inside of me (touching her heart)."

I **FELT** the "Holy Spirit goose bumps," as Pastor Russ calls them, all over then, and even now as I write this. Keisha was finally reassured of our connection and softly smiled at me for the first time.

God spoke through a preschooler. "Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, 'The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you' " (Luke 17:20-21).

WE TALKED about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit within her. Keisha's attention did not waver. She did make one request. "I can't read it but ... could I have a Bible? Someone can read it to me."

I looked at Keisha's guardian and she promised she would read it. Praise God, there was an easy-to-read New Testament in the bus which I gave to Keisha. She smiled and gently hugged my leg.

God of wonders. How could the Holy Spirit have filled this baby girl? She seemed to understand the clar-

ity of the Trinity better than her confusing earthly family. Thank You, Jesus, for Keisha and for touching her heart with Your omnipresent, everlasting grace.

"WHERE CAN I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast" (Psalm 139:7-10).



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