



Psalm 107:9: "For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."



The meal line on Lyell Avenue.

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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Let's pray that God does mighty things

Matthew 11:28 says, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Psalm 142:1-3 says, "I cry out to the Lord; I plead for the Lord's mercy. I pour out my complaints before Him and tell Him all my trou-

bles. When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn."

Weekly, it seems lately, and even daily at The Father's Heart we hear pleas from the people of Rochester for help from above.

THE PEOPLE, some His children, some yet to come to the Lord; come to the ministry asking for prayer, asking for encouragement, seeking Godly advice, crying for comfort from the Lord, asking for a hug so they have that personal touch of hope from someone, or seeking a word from the Lord, a promise from His scriptures that it will be OK.

AT LEAST one outreach weekly we come into contact with those who have attempted suicide or are contemplating it, or know someone who has done the same. They come seeking comfort and prayer.

WE HAVE even had to call 911 in the past month because people have threatened to harm themselves. It breaks our heart that they or their loved ones feel like this.

WE HAVE had loved ones coming to the ministry and showing us a picture of their child, wondering if we have seen him because he has been missing for weeks. We have had pregnant women come to the bus in sandals, strung out on drugs.

We have had men come up drunk begging for help from their addiction. We have had families come up asking for an extra meal or for a winter jacket.

WE HAVE even had a child say, "If you guys weren't here I don't know how we would have ate, we have nothing at home."

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It is because of these stories and these faces that this newsletter entry is a little different than normal. But this is what the Lord has given us.

IN PSALM 142:5-7 it says, "Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, 'You are my place of refuge. You are all I really want in life. Hear my cry, for I am very low. Rescue me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me. Bring me out of prison so I can thank you. The God will crowd around me, for you are good to me.'"

We know we are in the busy time of the year, but we ask that for the next few months you would remember The Father's Heart in your prayers.

WE ASK that you would pray as we will pray for those on the streets struggling with fear, anxiety, depression, addiction, or suicidal thoughts, and those who are just feeling hopeless.

We ask that you would pray for those who don't have all that we have, who may not even have their next meal. For those who may have an empty seat at their table because of a loss of someone they love.

WE ASK that you would pray that the ministry would be looked at as a place of refuge. That the individuals in our city would know that we serve a God who hears them and loves them, and that they would cry out to Him for salvation and for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

May our focus also be that the Lord's voice and His word would be in their hearts and minds so much so that the enemy's voice would be drowned out. That the

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Pastor Russ Loria shares the gospel at Emerson and Fulton.

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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chains and the prison walls that these people are trapped in would be broken and opened. That they would become free — free from sin, by the Lord's mercy and grace.

PLEASE PRAY that they would be free from thoughts of suicide, of using, of worthlessness. Pray that they know that they are loved, they are so loved by the One who came and died for the whole world that those that call upon His name will be saved.

Brothers and sisters, let's pray in Christ. Let's pray that this season, this holiday season that we are coming into, that our city would change, that the people would hear the Lord, that they would repent and believe.

LET'S ALL lift up our hands and cry to Him. Let's arise.

Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

WE KNOW that if His children will come together and pray and seek His face, mighty things will happen. So we thank you in advance for the prayers. We pray that the Lord would bless you all, and that He would hear your prayers also for your family and friends so near to you all.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

James 5:16: "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Please join our 2nd Prayer Walk

The Father's Heart is having our second Prayer Walk on Saturday, November 30. We will meet in our headquarters at 678 Lake Avenue. Please arrive between 8 and 9 a.m. for a quick breakfast. Prayer starts at 9 a.m. We will then go out to all the outreaches to pray over these locations. Please carpool if you can; parking is available on site and directly across the street in the Wendy's parking lot. Come out and pray over our city, and let's see the Lord work. If you will be having a breakfast sandwich with us, please RSVP by Monday, November 25 to our email at thefathersheartroc@hotmail.com

Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

Pray for those who reject God

We had our outreach at the Pines of Perinton in mid-October, and as always we were blessed with a great message from Pastor Dan and a good amount of people to hear it.

The message was a familiar one to those of us who are believers in Jesus Christ. He emphasized the fact that none of us are good enough to enter the kingdom of God, no matter how good we think we are.

WE ARE all sinners and if we think that our good works will get us to heaven that is a fatal mistake. We all fall short of the glory of God.

Pastor Dan then spoke about the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee was puffed up, thanking God that he wasn't as bad as the

tax collector, and the tax collector beat his breast and asked God to forgive him of all his sins.

PASTOR DAN went on to say that if we will admit that we are sinners, and believe that Jesus died for our sins and ask Him to be our Lord and Savior, we can be assured that when we die we will inherit the kingdom of God and be with Jesus forever.

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Some believe that if their good deeds outweigh their bad that's enough to save them from hell. If that was true then why would Jesus have to die for our sins?

THE GOOD deeds that we do are important, but if the reason is to earn our way, that's useless. If our deeds are done out of love for God and our neighbor, God is pleased. That should be our only motive. The message continued with what heaven will be like and how much more beautiful it will be compared to our life on earth.

REVELATION 21:4-5: "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said 'Behold, I make all things new.' "

Last month there was a woman who came with a young boy and asked what the outreach was all about. I explained that we share a meal and hand out groceries. When



Kids hear about Jesus.

I said that a gospel message was shared before the meal, she said she wasn't interested and grabbed the boy and left in a hurry

I was saddened that she didn't stay and sad that she didn't want to even let the boy hear the message. There are so many people who don't realize that the One to turn to and the One who can help them is the One they don't turn to. We pray that someday soon that woman and so many like her will turn to the One who can save them and bring them the joy that they are desperately searching for.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

AS THE time grows closer to the Lord's return, we continue to pray and minister to those who are lost and those who are hurting. May God continue to use The Father's Heart to reach them.

Extended Ministries conducts 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 they go out to various special outreaches with the hot dog cart from spring through fall. To volunteer, contact Frank and Diane Rivaldo at frivaldo@outlook.com

God Speaks Through the City

Part 35: Psalm 139:7-12

By a servant in Christ

God is around us, but does He dwell in us?

The second part of our story about "William" at a Chili Avenue outreach (see Part 1 in the September-October issue) involves suicide, the tenth-leading cause of death in the U.S. Studies have shown suicide to be on the rise, especially for middle-aged white men.

IN 2017 there were an estimated 1.4 million suicide attempts, with more than 47,000 Americans taking their lives. As a result of the troubling aspects of suicide, these numbers are believed to be understated.

That evening on Chili Avenue brought back sad memories of a close friend who took his life by stepping in front of a train a few blocks from my church. Unfortunately, my love, support, help getting him to treatments for depression, and time spent at a psychiatric unit reading to him from the Bible did not change the final outcome. Having lost other dear friends and relatives to suicide heightened my sensitivity to William's situation.

AFTER BEING ministered to by a brother and myself, William went to sit on a nearby front porch, dismissing our suggestions to come to the outreach. He appeared consumed by a serious discussion. When people started walking down the line

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Outreach needs

Clothing: Winter hats, coats, gloves and scarves. Please, no spring or summer clothing because we have no room.

Hygiene: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant.

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

Donations can be dropped off at The Father's Heart headquarters, 678 Lake Avenue, Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. For information, call (585) 472-4331.



Volunteers from 9 fellowships served at an outreach in September.

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for free food and clothing, I walked over to where William was sitting.

SOME IN the group expressed concerns seeing a stranger approach, but William calmed them down and came toward me.

During a long discussion, William went deeper into his relational, financial, and addiction problems. The brother who made the initial connection periodically stopped by, urging him to join the outreach.

"WE ALL make bad choices," the brother said. "The message you chose not to hear dealt with issues you could have benefited from." The brother thought a "good cop, bad cop" approach could help. It felt like a team effort as William continued to weep and thank us for our caring.

AS I shared the gospel, William kept downplaying the value of his "religion." He was puzzled to hear that I agreed. I explained that his infant baptism and church attendance in his early years do not alone bring about a closer relationship with God. He cried out "I HAVE FAITH! I KNOW GOD EXISTS!" while showing me tattoos on his arms of crosses and praying hands. William then went on to share a story of God's presence.

"The other night I could not sleep so I went to someone's back yard to sit and think. After being there for hours, I noticed dawn started to break and dozens of birds were flying around in circles, like a dance. The beauty of it all blew my mind! GOD WAS ALL AROUND ME!"

I ASKED William if that beautiful manifestation of God's creation touched his heart and made him rethink about suicide. "No," he quickly answered, "it just made me realize how messed up I was." His comment opened the door to discuss salvation. Yes, God is all around us but if we open our hearts, He will dwell within us.

"DO YOU not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

William became more comfortable and decided to walk with me to the outreach. I told him that Petra Christian Fellowship was nearby, and that Pastor Jeff and his wife Jamie were at the outreach. After an introduction, Pastor Jeff and Jamie prayed with William as he continued to weep. He was very thankful for the loving gesture and was provided information about Petra's location and service times.

ALTHOUGH WILLIAM said he would attend church that Sunday, he did not. We have not seen him since and continue to pray that he does not follow through with suicide. Instead, we pray that he allows the Spirit of God "all around him" to come **within him**. Yes, we cannot flee His presence, whether we are watching the wondrous flight of birds at dawn or engaging in the sins of this world. But He comes within us when we seek Him and repent of our sins.

PSALM 139:7-12: "Where can I go from Your Spirit, or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall fall on me,' even the night shall be light about me; indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You."

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