



*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."*

*Psalm 100:2: Serve the LORD with gladness...*



*A hot meal is served at West Main and Brown.*

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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## Whatever we give, do it to the least

As we sat here in our office on Lake Avenue today, we saw out our window a funeral procession of cars passing by.

The question that went into our heads first is, "Did that person know

you, Lord? Were you their Savior?" We prayed for the family and friends for comfort and strength during this time.

**BUT IT** made us think of an article by a friend of ours that really touched on a subject that here in America we sometimes ignore, or put on the back burner. That question to us was, "Are we giving our all, or what Jesus is requiring us to give for the furtherance of His Kingdom, and serve Him?"

Contemplating that question made us think how complacent we have become individually and as a church in America.

**WE HAVE** our cars, houses, vacations, food, and clothing. We lack for nothing, really. These are all things that the Lord blesses people with and they aren't bad.

**BUT WHEN** the Holy Spirit tugs at our hearts, are we obedient to listen? When we see an elderly person in need or a widow, do we help them?

When we see a teenager crying, or having marks on their arms, do we ask them if they need prayer and tell them that there is hope only in Jesus? When we see someone mentally ill, do we quickly look away as to not feel uncomfortable?

**WHEN A** brother or sister in the Lord asks for help with something, do we try to come up with an excuse not to help? When you see a man on the streets holding up a sign saying he is hungry, do we give him our lunch?

When we hear of a missionary taking a step of faith to go across the

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world and share the gospel, do we reach into our pockets, or do we think of some item we want to purchase but we really do not need?

**THESE ARE** all things that we have done. Why? Because we are in a war with our flesh, but Christ is calling us to sacrifice. That is why we must not neglect the tugging of the Holy Spirit. We are called to be His hands and His feet. When we see all those people we are supposed to treat them like we would if Jesus was the one standing in front of us.

**WE KNOW** this is not necessarily an update on the ministry but it just was heavy on our hearts. Why? Because we ourselves lack in this area many times. But for encouragement we will share with you another story from today.

We were unloading the truck with donations and we must admit we were exhausted. A woman came up and we wanted to ignore her and go inside and get some work done.

**INSTEAD, ANNE** spoke to her. Then, as Anne came out of the building to give her food, she saw



*An answer to prayer: The Lord has opened up sources of fresh fruits and vegetables for our outreaches. Many thanks to those who prayed with us.*

her with her arms raised praising and thanking Jesus for His provision.

**HOW SWEET** a moment that was to see her thanking the Lord when she thought no one was watching. She requested prayer for herself, her son who is a drug addict, and her other son who needs a kidney. She and Anne prayed, and as she walked away she was thanking the Lord and giving all glory to Him for His provision.

Was the person in the hearse that went by us today a believer? We may never know. But we want to be a ministry and individuals that do it for the least of these, so that we are doing it to Him.

**WE ARE** all called to do it for Him, so that we share His love to this lost and dying world. When we lay down at night in our comfy beds we can say that yes, Lord, we sacrificed some time, maybe monetary items or maybe just our comfort zone, but Lord, we did it to the least of these.

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 to whom we witness 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 grocery line at Andrews Terrace.

## God Speaks Through the City

Part 22: James 1:23-24

By a servant in Christ

### Be a doer of the word, not just a hearer of it

This is a continuation of an article in the last newsletter involving a woman who suffered from physical and spiritual afflictions.

Wishing to comfort her, the Lord guided me to a book, *An Anchor for the Soul: Help for the Present, Hope for the Future*. Unfortunately, during the time spent finding the book at the headquarters of The Father's Heart, "Emily" left the outreach and was walking down Lake Avenue.

**AFTER PRAYER**, I ran after her to give her the book, only to be met with panic and rage. Although Emily wound up accepting the book with tears of gratitude, 1 Thessalonians 5:22 came to mind as I walked back to the outreach. Apparently, I had

not abstained from "all appearances of evil." Although Emily's acceptance of the book provided comfort that my guidance had come from the Spirit of Truth, my flesh and legalism created doubt and confusion.

**THE SECOND** part of the story takes place immediately upon my return to headquarters. Brother Dave invited me to join him in a walk around the neighborhood and be "fishers of men." Still shaken up, I agreed.

After inviting several street people to the outreach, we met an elderly lady in a wheelchair carrying a large, heavy bag on her lap. "Ruth" declined our invitation to the outreach, saying she was on her way home.

**MY FIRST** thought was to offer her help carrying the bag home but Emily's screaming was still fresh on my mind. What might Ruth think? Let's see: Two guys she just met in the middle of a tough neighborhood are offering to take her to her apartment; we would know where she lives; she would need to open her door for us to carry the bag in; if we were bad guys we could walk in and burglarize her home, or worse.

It's amazing how many of these thoughts can go through our mind

within seconds. Net effect? I said good-bye and God bless, and Ruth went on her way. That still small voice was telling me to help her, but unlike Elisha in 1 Kings 19, I did not follow it.

**AS WE** walked away, brother Dave suddenly stopped in his tracks saying: "WHAT ARE WE DOING? We are here to serve God and we are not doing it! I am going to help the lady in the wheelchair!" He went to her, picked up the bag and walked her home. I continued my walk, inviting others to the outreach.

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A youngster at an outreach at The Father's Heart headquarters.



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After I returned to headquarters, brother Dave finally got back. "What happened?" I asked eagerly. Brother Dave shared that as he walked Ruth home he learned her husband is battling cancer and is incapacitated. At the door of her apartment, she continued to share about their significant hardship. He kindly offered his help and most importantly, lifted her up in prayer. God blessed Ruth through His vessel.

**THE LORD** ultimately provided to both Emily and Ruth using different vessels. Within only an hour this imperfect sheep heard the Spirit of Truth and that still, small voice: once in obedience and once in disobedience. When I disobeyed, I heard but failed to do.

Upon reflection, it surprises me that although half of this story was already in place, I still found it most difficult to write. Sometimes it is hard to look in the mirror.

**"FOR IF** anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was" (James 1:23-24).



**Psalm 127:3:** Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD...

Many children come to The Father's Heart outreaches. We welcome all of them with loving arms. Clockwise from top left: Two girls have their faces painted at Jefferson Park in Canandaigua, four hungry children share a meal at Lamp Community Church on Hudson Avenue, a father and daughter in the grocery line on Jefferson Avenue, two boys at West Main and Brown, and a girl at a headquarters outreach on Lake Avenue.

## Outreach needs

**Clothing:** Men's, women's and children's winter coats.

**Hygiene supplies:** Toothpaste.

**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.





# Bountiful Blessings

A fundraiser for The Father's Heart ministry



**Saturday, November 4**

**4:30 p.m.**

Roger Robach Community Center at Ontario Beach Park,  
180 Beach Ave., Rochester N.Y. 14612

A night of sweet fellowship, \*silent and live auctions, and testimonies.  
All proceeds go to The Father's Heart ministry.

Tickets are \$50 each.  
Dinner catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill.

Handicapped parking is available at the community center. Others can park  
for free in a convenient city-owned lot across Beach Avenue.

**RSVP by October 20** for tickets. Checks for reservations can be sent to The  
Father's Heart, P.O. Box 1134, Webster, NY 14580. For questions, call (585)  
472-4331.

***\*All silent auction items are food-themed baskets.***