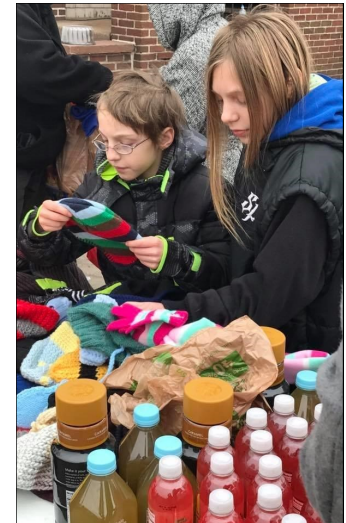




Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I; send me."

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



Children seek warm winter clothing after hearing the gospel on Lake Avenue.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

The Father's Heart: established April 30, 2011



God is greater than our fears

1 John 4:4 says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

To those who serve at The Father's

Heart, and to believers all over the world, this is a verse that we all should memorize and hold dear as children of God. Why? Because the enemy is out there alive and working hard, especially in this time.

OUT ON the ministry we see many things, but what is the one thing we hear the most from volunteers? They tell us how they were scared to come out and serve, but when they actually took the step of faith and came out, they were truly blessed.

They are amazed that they had no fear. Why is that? It is because we have Christ dwelling in us as believers.

A few weekends ago there was a woman who pulled up in her car on Hudson Avenue during an outreach and started blasting her music and

saying things. A pastor who was with us went up to her and prayed around her, and as he did she started speaking in an unknown tongue that we could tell was not of the Lord.

IT MEANT to bring harm, but as the prayer continued the lady left and so did the spirit of Antichrist.

Satan has no power over us or over the work that the Lord wants to do. You see, the enemy tries to crush and destroy the gospel of Jesus that is being preached, but he can't succeed if God wants it to be done.

AT THE Pines of Perinton the past few months there have been two sisters coming just for the food after the gospel message. Why do they skip the message? Because they

Continued on page 2

Continued from Page 1

are Muslims and their father doesn't want them to hear about Jesus.

But praise God, He has a greater plan. When those girls come, sisters in the Lord minister to them and tell them about Jesus and answer their questions about Jesus.

BY THE unity of the Spirit those ministering to the sisters have told them the same thing: to pray every night in bed, "Lord, please reveal to us who you really are, who truly is God." Jesus has made a way for

IN TODAY'S world we are maybe scared to minister to those of other religions. We may think that something bad will happen to us if we go into the city, or open our mouth at work, or if we go against the flow of the world.

Step out in faith, brothers in sisters in Christ. Be used by Him, be bold, be sensitive to His leading, and be directed by Him and Him alone. Fear not, for He goes before you. He is your shield and mighty fortress and strong tower.

THERE IS a new song by Casting

Crowns called "Oh, My Soul." Some of the lyrics go, "Oh, my soul, you are not alone. There's a place where fear has to face the God you know."

WE ALL have fears but let His children remember that our God is a mighty God who can defeat all our fears and actually has already won the victory over them. Let God show you that He is greater than your fears.

Step out in faith, brothers and sisters. Shine!

God Bless.

Russ and Anne Loria

Many ways to serve

The Father's Heart offers many ways to serve. Below, servants pray with people who are coming to the Lord on Hudson Avenue. At top right, members of a young ladies' Bible study enjoy pizza after cleaning the headquarters on Lake Avenue during winter break. At bottom right, servants distribute groceries at West Main and Brown streets. To volunteer, see the contact box on the bottom right of Page 3.



God Speaks Through the City

Part 19: Romans 11:36

By a servant in Christ

A hardened man is moved to pray

There was a different type of excitement in the air at Jefferson Avenue that evening. It was National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week and WROC-TV, Channel 8, sent a crew to our outreach.

AS CHANNEL 8 interviewed Pastor Russ and some neighborhood people, servants ministered to the lost. Although all was going smoothly, Jefferson Avenue always has its surprises. I noticed a man in his 40s asking me to approach him. I complied, not having any idea what it would lead to. The man, "Andre," asked me the following question (leaving out the expletives):



To donate to The Father's Heart through PayPal, please go to thefathersheartroc.org and click the "Contact/Donate" tab for the PayPal icon. If you want a receipt, include your address on the optional address line and a receipt will be prepared for you.

Thank you!

"You come here so you can feel good about yourselves feeding poor (expletive)? You bring along a TV station so you can get publicity and feel special? Do you know ANYONE in this neighborhood? Do you actually WANT to know anyone in this neighborhood? Or is the whole thing a stunt?"

I DID my best to inform him about The Father's Heart ministry. Yes, the food and clothing help those in need, but we were there to glorify God, not ourselves.

With much skepticism, he put his arm around my shoulder and asked: "Who are you to know ANYTHING about the poverty and crime in this neighborhood? I have lived here 44 years and will die here. You come here once a month to 'feed' us? Let me tell you, I sometimes make \$125,000 a week and what do I do with the money? I buy houses for homeless people (he pointed to some houses). After I pay my very expensive lawyers, I buy food for the neighborhood. Do that all the time, not just one day a month. You don't know what poverty is!"

I BEGGED to differ and shared how the first 22 years of my life I lived in ghettos like Jefferson Avenue. Got into fights several times a week, especially after playing football or basketball games between gangs. Many of the fights ended badly with gunfire or stabbings.

He looked at me in disbelief and tightened his grip a bit more. Somehow this opened the door and Andre began to share about himself. He told me some very personal things about himself, his family, his atheism, and his jail time.

AS WE spoke, he noticed a person getting a bit rowdy and whispered

Continued on Page 4



Praying at Lyell and Sherman.

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!

The Father's Heart
678 Lake Avenue
Rochester, NY 14613
(585) 647-6746

Mailing address:
The Father's Heart ROC
P.O. Box 1134
Webster, NY 14580

On the Web:
thefathersheartroc.org
On your mobile device:
m.thefathersheartroc.org

On Facebook:
The Fathers Heart ROC
On Twitter:
FathersHeartROC

Continued from Page 3

in my ear: "Don't worry about that (expletive), I got y'all covered..." He tapped what appeared to be a gun in his pocket.

THE OUTREACH ended and servants left. Russ and Anne were last to go and urged me to leave with them. I told them all was cool, so Russ drove away with some concern. My conversation with Andre continued in the empty lot.

He made a comment that provided insight: "You know, I've never shared like this with any (expletive)." He eventually asked me to drop him off a few blocks away, which I did.

WHEN WE got there, he kept sharing and did not want to get out of the car. As we spoke, a car pulled up and parked behind us. Andre said: "They're waiting for me to get out of the car so they can follow you and do a job. Don't worry, they ain't gonna pull nothing on you. I'll see to that." He sent a text and the car drove away.

We sat in the car for another half hour. I emphasized how Jesus had saved me, a sinner just like himself,

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Through AmazonSmile, The Father's Heart receives a donation from Amazon of 0.5 percent of your purchase price, at no cost to you. To sign up, go to smile.amazon.com on your computer or mobile device. On your first visit, you will be asked to select a charity. Enter "Fathers Heart Ministry Roc Inc" in the box that says "Or pick your own charitable organization." You'll be directed to the Amazon website for shopping as usual.



A resident of Pinnacle Place apartments is helped with a bag of food.

by His grace. Andre then reached out, held my hand, and said, "Could you pray for me? I need prayer bad."

TO SAY this was a pleasant surprise is an understatement. We continued to hold hands as I prayed for him and his family. After my prayer, he humbly asked if he could pray for me. "Never prayed before but maybe Jesus can help me." We continued to hold hands as he started his prayer. The first minute he was a bit incoherent. But then, it got smoother, the words became fluid and... beautiful. I felt as if Jesus was in the back seat.

DURING HIS prayer, Andre referred to Jesus as Son of God and Savior. I was in awe with what was happening as Andre's hand trembled. Wish I could have recorded it. When finished, Andre hugged me, got out, reassured me I would be safe, and asked God to bless me.

After I got home I sent Pastor

Russ a text at 10:53 p.m., letting him know that all was well.

ANDRE ASKED some harsh questions regarding our motives. I tried my best to address his negative perceptions to no avail. Only after sharing my own sinful nature and God's glory, a connection between us was made.

Will Andre change his ways? I pray he does. One thing I do know; he glorified Jesus beautifully in his prayer. My prayer? I pray that Andre appreciates this absolute truth: It is all about His glory, not ours.

"FOR OF Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:36).



To see the WROC-TV video report, copy and paste this link into your browser:

www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/free-food-and-clothing-distributed-for-local-residents/609980040

Outreach needs

Clothing: Men's winter gloves.

Hygiene supplies: Deodorant.

Soup bus: Paper towels, Kool-Aid or lemonade mix.

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.