



A young man with the children's Bible devotional he just received.

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 RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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Pray for our city and its revival

The song "God of This City" by Chris Tomlin says, "You're the God of this City, You're the King of these people, You're the Lord of this nation, You are. You're the Light in this darkness, You're the Hope to the hopeless, You're the Peace to the restless, You

are. There is no one like our God. There is no one like our God. For greater things have yet to come and greater things are still to be done in this City. Greater things have yet to come and greater things are still to be done in this City."

WHILE WE had the privilege to share at Journey Christian Church recently about The Father's Heart ministry, this was one of the worship songs that was sung. We couldn't help but to be stirred up by this song. For just this past month we have seen the Lord begin a new thing at the outreaches. He is drawing the youth of the streets to Him, or back to Him.

AT ONE outreach the message that was shared over and over was from a young man in his late teens who was backslidden — just weeping and crying out to the Lord for strength, for forgiveness, and to remain in Christ. At another outreach there was a young man and his girlfriend. The young man said he had been following the soup bus around for some time; his girlfriend had stepped forward to receive the Lord and spent the whole time of the outreach speaking to the saints who were serving and asking them questions and seeking direction for her new life in Christ. Praise God!

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Our prayer is that this is just the beginning of their walks with the Lord; that they would grow more and more in Him each and every year and that they would go out and be a light to their friends and family.

PSALM 71:14-18 says, "I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits. I will go in the strength of the Lord God; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only. O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come."

WE PRAY that these youth that the Lord is touching would be ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ all of their days. Please pray for the youth of our city, dear saints. May they be ambassadors of Christ, may they proclaim to the young generation to rise up, to stand for good and not evil, to turn from their evil ways, and to be saved.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21 says, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

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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WE AT The Father's Heart are praising God for the work that He is doing in this city. We look forward with expectation as to what God has in store for this city that we call our home, for the great things that He will do here. Let's all pray for our city, let's pray for that revival, let's pray that Rochester would truly be a city shining on a hill.

God Bless – Russ and Anne Loria



Cadillac Hotel

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

Fewer people served but the Gospel goes on

The Cadillac Hotel has been going through some improvements requested by the Monroe County government, which temporarily places people who need emergency housing there.

Until the work is done, the county won't send people to the Cadillac, so turnout for The Father's Heart outreach there has been light. Attendance mainly consists of others who live at the Cadillac.

ALTHOUGH WE are serving fewer people, we are still going to the Cadillac with food and clothes, but more importantly with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our hope is that things will improve, and that people will respond to the Gospel being preached.

A resurrection message was shared the day before Good Friday. Please pray that those who

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A young lady who gave her heart to Jesus during an outreach is now serving alongside her new brothers and sisters in Christ. Praise the Lord!

2 Corinthians 5:17: *...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

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listened would realize their need for a savior and receive Jesus into their hearts.

PLEASE KEEP the Cadillac in your prayers. We are looking into some other locations to go to in addition to the Cadillac, and we ask that you also pray for that.

Your prayers for The Father's Heart and all its outreaches are

Pines of Perinton

By Scott and Robin Wilson

She came by faith for prayer, healing

We had a full house for our resurrection luncheon the day before Easter (or as we often call it, Resurrection Sunday) at the Pines of Perinton.

The people were blessed with special music by the worship team from Fairport Christian Community Church.

The message was given and the Spirit of the Lord moved many as an altar call was given. Many people came forward for prayer.

ONE LADY came forward for prayer for her 1-year-old daughter who has hepatitis C and is being treated for problems with her liver. The mother sought prayer and healing for her little girl, not food for herself or free handouts. She just came by faith. God tells us to pray to Him in faith. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that

wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." (James 1:6)

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

We praise the Lord for all the volunteers who came out to help with the Pines dinner. What a blessing to have so many people who really love the Lord and want to serve Him.

Save the date

The annual Pines of Perinton Family Day outreach will be held from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 12. It will include food, music, games and the Gospel message. Please pray about serving at this special day.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 5: 2 Peter 1:20-21
By a servant in Christ

Be vigilant to spot spiritual deception

God Speaks Through the City has provided the opportunity to share remarkable stories of faith, courage, and determination. Consistent with the Beatitudes, our Savior grants strength and hope to those who live with adversity and are humble in spirit. A previous article, for example, told the compelling story of a cancer-stricken woman who

joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings. Another described a person being abused by racial insults who nonetheless expressed love for her assailants. Given our sinful nature, only by God's grace could these faithful souls serve as His witnesses. "You will be witnesses for me." (Acts 1:8)

THE FOLLOWING story presents a less inspirational but growing problem that men and women of God face. It is a story about false teaching and the discernment we must have to perceive and combat unbiblical beliefs. Distortions of God's Word are rampant in this troubled age and as Christians we must beware of deception and fight for the truth: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)

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THIS STORY takes place at our Lake Avenue headquarters. A large crowd from the neighborhood was sitting on chairs in the yard while others stood on the sidewalk next to the tables and food. A brother in the Lord was teaching the Word, focusing on Jesus' atonement for our sins. He urged the crowd to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior since there are two options available to us after our inevitable death: heaven or hell.

HIS PREACHING was suddenly interrupted by a young man with long dreadlocks who stood up and said: "Our souls won't go to heaven or hell! On the Day of Judgment we don't physically die, we will go to Mount Zion to live forever!" The brother stopped briefly after the interruption but continued to preach. The young man did not have another outburst but sat shaking his head in disagreement.

I noticed he was wearing a

cross on his chest and after the Word was shared, I approached him to understand his concern. I introduced myself and commented that his cross looked African — similar to Coptic Christian crosses of Egypt. The young man perked up and said: "Yes, it is Ethiopian! Although I am Jamaican and follow the Rastafari religion, my future lies in Ethiopia. I love the Lord!"

THAT BEING said, he stood up, grabbed the microphone the brother had put down, and started to sing a catchy reggae tune *acapella* in a language that was hard to understand. Since we had no idea what he was saying, I approached him to retrieve the microphone. He then smiled and stated clearly with conviction: "Praise the Lord!" Every couple of verses he repeated "Praise the Lord!" while the crowd started bobbing heads to his beat. He finally finished the song, returned the microphone and repeated "I love the Lord!"

WE CONTINUED to talk and he expressed his adoration for Jesus and the Bible. He told me he was an artist and offered to draw a picture of Jesus for me. I respectfully declined his offer but asked him if there were examples of his work around the city. He smiled and pulled out from a backpack an unusual picture of a man wearing a large crown with a cross in the background. He offered it to me but I told him I could not accept it. He insisted I should keep it.

Although this young man clearly admired Jesus, something was

not right. At home, I researched the Rastafari movement and found the picture was a portrait of Haile Selassie I, an Ethiopian emperor who died nearly 40 years ago but is revered as God by the Rastafari.

The Rastafari religion, just as Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormonism, claims to believe in Jesus and uses the Bible, but with major distortions. Freedom of interpretation is used to justify agendas such as the use of marijuana for Rastas or Jehovah's Witnesses believing that Jesus is not God but a created being.

PHRASES SUCH as "Praise the Lord!" can disguise false teaching. As Paul anticipated in 2 Timothy 4:3, "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions."

The message is clear: Whether we are in the streets with The Father's Heart, at work, or even in some "Christian" churches, as God's servants we must be vigilant to discern spiritual deception and combat it. The fallacy of man's rationalization versus the truth of God's inspired Word is beautifully summarized by Peter:

"ABOVE ALL, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:20-21).

Clothing bulletin

If your spring cleaning plans include your clothes closets, please consider donating your discards to The Father's Heart. We need spring and summer clothing for children and men. We are well-supplied with women's clothing. Thank you for your abundance of giving!

Outreach needs for May and June

Paper products (towels and napkins) and disposable plates, cups, forks and spoons.