



Prayer at Webster Avenue and Ackerman Street.

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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Music ministers in ways we cannot

Psalm 150:1-6:

"Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute

and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"

WHAT A great honor it is to praise the Lord! Throughout the last couple of months when the weather is good we have had praise and worship live at the ministry.

At several outreaches we have had a gentleman singing worship with his keyboard and people on the streets singing along.

AT ONE of our locations several of the residents from a high rise were singing along to the music, enjoying the worship that they have not been able to attend in more than a year inside their building.

At a recreation center where we

were handing out ice cream sundaes to the kids, we had a youth group doing worship. Many of the kids gathered around and sat on the grass and listened to the worship and some of them were singing along. It blessed many hearts.

AT ANOTHER high rise we have had another youth group join us the past few months. As they did worship people were coming down from their apartments and many were saying, "We heard the music from up in our apartments and we were drawn down here. It is so beautiful and encouraging."

At times on the streets we play recorded worship music through our sound system and we see people dancing along, raising their arms and shouting praise to the Lord. It reminds me of 2 Samuel 6:14:

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"Then David danced before the Lord with all his might..."

WE HAVE seen music minister to people in ways that we can't. We have seen people weep at a song and rejoice in praise at a song. What a mighty ministry music is to people.

At The Father's Heart our hope and desire is that this worship will continue on the streets of Rochester. That His praise will go out throughout the city. That we fill the streets with songs of praise and drown out the sound of this crazy world even if only for a little while.

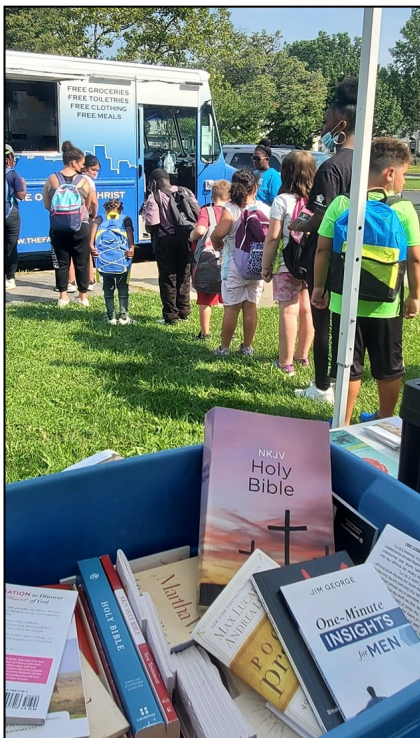
ARE YOU interested in getting involved in the worship and music ministry at the Father's Heart? If so, please email Roger at:

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God bless and let every praise be to our God.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



Above, kids listen to worship music at an Edgerton Park outreach. At left, kids line up for ice cream sundaes after receiving back backs loaded with school supplies.



A tearful man in a van across the street raises his arm in prayer.

The Lord exceeds our best prayers

By Gregg Thompson

It was a normal night of outreach at The Father's Heart Ministry. We pulled in at the outreach site, got set up, worshipped, and Pastor Russ started giving his message about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

OF COURSE, like every other outreach we prayed corporately that God would touch lives and give those we were ministering to a heart to receive the message. We all prayed that token prayer to the Lord that "Even if You just touch one person, it's all worth it."

ON THIS night God decided to show me that He does exceedingly and abundantly more than we ask or think.

Russ was finishing his message and I was at the food tables doing last-minute preparations to get ready to hand out groceries to all the people in line. Russ asked everyone to raise their hand if they wanted prayer and he started praying a beautiful Spirit-filled prayer over the people.

AT THAT moment I turned and saw a man in a van across the street with his arm out the window and joining in our prayer! As Russ finished the prayer, I watched this man drive away, wiping his face and weeping!

The Lord reminded me that His word does not return void and He is always working! Sometimes we do these outreaches and wonder if we really touch any lives or if we are making a difference.

WE NEED to remember that God does not owe us anything and certainly doesn't have to

prove who He is to us. We just need to believe in Him and what we are doing for Him and trust He is ALWAYS working beyond even our best prayers.

Gregg Thompson describes himself as "just a blessed servant of Jesus."

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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God Speaks Through the City

Part 45: John 9:39-41
By a servant in Christ

All he wanted was God's word

The Father's Heart ministry blesses those who are hurting and hungry with groceries, clothing, beverages, and homemade meals.

We thank the Lord for those who provide goods to the ministry and its servants, meeting basic needs of many people. Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread..." (Matthew 6:11) since bread feeds the hungry and symbolizes God's provisions.

NOT DIMINISHING the value of the food and goods passed out, however, we earnestly believe that sharing the gospel and prayer is principal to the ministry. As Jesus said in Mat-

*A girl
receives a
teddy
bear in
the name
of Jesus.*



Hot meals are served at North Clinton and Oakman.

thew 11:15, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

SADLY, WE often encounter people attracted to the material things who ignore, or are at times are annoyed, by the word of God. This story covers both ends of the spectrum, ultimately giving Jesus all the glory.

As Pastor Russ shared a powerful message on a Friday evening, there were two men at the front of the long line who were oblivious to the word, chatting, giggling, and being disruptive to others. Pastor Russ repeatedly asked the young men to listen but was largely ignored.

QUIETLY, I approached them requesting their attention while pointing out how we were not guaranteed another day on this earth and today was the day of salvation. They smiled in derision, telling me they were not interested in "the preaching" but only in the food and groceries. I asked them to be considerate of others and they quieted down a bit.

After the message, as the line began moving down the tables, I noticed a gentleman sitting on a concrete seat, wearing dark glasses and holding a cane. As I approached

him, it became obvious that he was blind, so I offered to bring him a meal and groceries.

"DARNELL" SMILED politely telling me: "I will pass on the food..." I shared that the food was homemade, cooked by the pastor, and that he would not be disappointed. He thanked me but did not accept the offer.

Darnell patted the seat next to him, inviting me to sit. After I sat down, he placed his hand on my

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At left, worship on Andrews Terrace. At right, Rochester Police Officer Moses stopped by an outreach at North Clinton and Oakman and talked with volunteers from Old Paths Chapel in Perry. The volunteers prayed for him and his fellow officers.

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knee saying: "I don't know who you are or what you look like, but you are my brother..."

HE APOLOGIZED for turning down the food and thanked the ministry for what we do. With conviction he then raised his voice stating: "I just want to hear the word! I do not need a full stomach since the Holy Spirit fills me! His blood set me free and although at times I am hungry and have many problems, His grace is all I need!"

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly

Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:31-34).

MOVED BY Darnell's faith, I asked him if I could hug him, and he stretched out his arms lovingly. We sat together in fellowship for a long time, and it was a blessing to hear about his testimony, military past, and the trying times he often faces as a blind man. Still, in spite of his many difficulties, he felt blessed by Jesus for The Father's Heart and joyful to have a "new brother."

We often encounter such contrasts in the ministry. In five minutes, the Lord can lead us from two hardened young men seeking only material goods to a blind man living in poverty but relishing the word of God.

"AND JESUS said, 'For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.' Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, 'Are we blind also?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains' " (John 9:39-41).



Outreach needs

Clothing: We are no longer accepting summer clothing. We are collecting coats, gloves, hats, jeans and sweaters, as well as new socks and new underwear.

Toiletries: Deodorant, small shampoos and conditioners.

Spiritual food: Spanish-language Bibles.

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.



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