



Prayers and gentle arms of comfort at Andrews Terrace apartments and North Clinton 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 stay shining in the Lord's light

Psalm 107:8-9 says, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness."

To start the year 2022 The Father's

Heart wants to give thanks to the Lord for all He has done through this past holiday season and for all He will do in the new year.

THE PAST two months have been busy at The Father's Heart. The Lord has been using the ministry to not only feed the people spiritually but also physically in abundance.

Our Thanksgiving outreach on November 20 was awesome and many people from the area and the body of Christ, and organizations, donated towards this outreach. They donated about 200 bags of side dishes, fixings and turkeys, which was a huge blessing.

ALSO, AT that outreach more than 350 hot meals-to-go were served; along with 50 boxes of non-perishable food were donated and given out through the Rapid Relief team organization. The name of

Jesus was lifted up and all the people driving through or walking up were prayed for.

ON THE first three Fridays of December we received 1,560 food boxes each week from the CityServe organization. These boxes were then distributed at our headquarters by volunteer ministries, and churches. The Father's Heart also distributed these boxes at various outreaches in the city of Rochester.

THESE SEVERAL churches and volunteer organizations did drive-up or walk-up giveaways of these boxes over these three weeks the giveaways were in the city of Rochester all the way to Ontario and Wyoming counties. The distribution will continue the first two Fridays of January. Many people have shared that these boxes have really blessed

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Above left, boxes of donated fresh food containing milk, yogurt and vegetables tower over young volunteers sorting them the day before the Christmas outreach. Above right, the line for food during the outreach, and at right, a man in line for a turkey and fixings.

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their families during a hard season of their life. Many were given Bibles and prayed for at these giveaways. Thank you, Jesus.

ON DECEMBER 18 we had our annual Christmas outreach. Wow, was it huge this year!!!! We gave out more than 250 turkeys, 250 bags of side dishes and 250 food boxes, and 30 boxes of food through Rapid Relief Team. More than 400 hot to-go meals were served and over 350 gifts for women, men and kids were given out, along with Christmas trees and wreaths from Wayside Garden Center in Fairport.

All those who drove through or walked up were ministered to and prayed for. One volunteer wanted to share how she was blessed by the outreach.

SHE SAID, "During the Christmas outreach what struck me most and

blessed me in a wonderful way was the interactions I had with children! Praising God for the opportunity to pray with many but the hearts of two little girls was what impressed me most. One little girl expressed her thanks to God for all the workers giving out food. Another young girl asked for prayer for her dad and showed such compassion and care for her mom as she was overwhelmed with tears when we prayed for him."

IT WAS sleeting, snowing, and raining that day but the Holy Spirit definitely rained down upon Lake Avenue and made it a great day to bring Him glory.

The Father's Heart has been continuing to do a Bible club with some of the kids from Edgerton Recreation Center on Wednesday nights and it has been such a blessing.

ON DECEMBER 22 we had a Christmas party for the kids at the center. Games were played, cookies and pizza were eaten, the reason for Christmas was shared, and gifts were given. It was such a blessing. Many kids will now have a special gift because of this.

We want to thank all those who purchased gifts through the Amazon wish list. All the gifts were given to the kids and any extra were given out at our Christmas outreach.

WE WANT to say Happy New Year and pray that this year The Father's Heart and all His children would be that light in the world that is so needed now more than ever, and that we keep Jesus the center of it all.

1 John 1:5 says, "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." Let's stay shining and strengthened in Him.

God bless and love in Christ,
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



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Thank you!



Volunteers gather in a prayer circle before the Thanksgiving outreach.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 47: Galatians 6:9-10
By a servant in Christ

Do good to all, don't lose heart

This story took place at the Hudson Avenue outreach during my return to The Father's Heart ministry after struggling with health and balance issues for some time.

WHEN THE tables were filled with food and tracts, I felt stable enough to walk the neighborhood offering groceries, meals, and most important, the gospel of our Savior.

Sadly, on that day, unlike others, people of the neighborhood were hard to reach. Two men pushed their hands out when I approached them, signaling me to stop in my tracks. Another, sitting in a car, was hostile, waving his arm "away," threatening me not to take a step further toward him.

THESE INCIDENTS took place across the street from the outreach which apparently was irritating them. Later after the word was shared by Pastor Russ, another gentleman standing in front of a store looked away when I walked toward him to offer him groceries and a home-made meal. I then offered to bring him a meal in case he was waiting for someone or could not leave his location. He finally looked at me, yelling "NO!"

AFTER WEEKS of waiting for the opportunity to attend a Fa-

ther's Heart outreach, I was saddened by the hostility I encountered when offering prayer and trying to share the Good News.

JESUS WAS well aware this would happen more than 2,000 years ago:

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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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"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you" (John 15:18-19).

IN SPITE of these difficulties, the outreach was a blessing to many. Several gave their life to the Lord and were blessed with Christian music, the gospel, groceries, and a homemade meal.

As servants packed, I noticed an elderly woman walking slowly with a four-tip cane and holding two full bags of groceries. She was waiting to cross Hudson Avenue in the midst of heavy traffic. I approached "Jeyla" and asked her if she would like help carrying the groceries. She eagerly responded: "That would be a blessing! Thank you so much!"

WE WAITED for the traffic to subside and when the opportunity arrived, we ventured a slow walk across the street as I carried Jeyla's bags. While waving at the



Hot meals are served at Southeast Towers II and The Savannah.

traffic to slow down, I suddenly had an episode of poor balance. This made me regret my lack of wisdom; I should have asked another servant to help Jeyla.

AS WE finished crossing the street, Jayla asked me "You OK? You seem to be walking wobbly..." After I explained to her my health problems, she told me "See that house over there? I live on the second floor. If you are struggling, I'll carry my bags home and pray for you."

I still worried about her carrying the heavy bags walking with her cane so I told her we were close, and that I would be OK. Jeyla said a brief prayer and put her free hand on my shoulder giving both of us a little more stability. As Galatians 6:2 states: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

WE FINALLY arrived at her home and faced our next obstacle: several steps to climb up. Jeyla mentioned that nobody was home to help us. Given the frozen foods and the possibility of someone walking away with the groceries, we were both concerned about leaving the food outside. "Let me give it a shot," I

said. She responded with a smile; "I got your back covered..."

We proceeded slowly holding the handrail while she held her hand supporting my back. We finally made it up as she exclaimed "Praise God!!" She was grateful, reached out for a hug, and advised me to be careful walking down the steps.

HOWEVER, AS I turned around and took my first step down, I lost my balance and started to fall. Miraculously, Jeyla grabbed the back of my jacket, which brought me back to balance while I clutched the rail.

We stood there quietly for a few

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Outreach needs

Clothing: We are collecting only hats, gloves, scarves, and coats right now.

General: Feminine toiletry items, small shampoos and conditioners.

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.



Food boxes are distributed at Petra Christian Fellowship on State Street.

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seconds, contemplating what just happened. She had not hesitated to keep me from falling while endangering herself.

TWO OF my favorite Bible verses, Philippians 2:3-4, came to mind: "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

Things turned around 180 degrees that day. After I was rejected by several people, an elderly woman hobbling slowly with a cane put herself at risk to keep me from taking a hard fall. This followed good intentions on my part, but a lack of wisdom given that a few weeks before I had fallen down some stairs. Still, God's grace was with us.

GALATIANS 6:9-10: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."



Fresh vegetables are available at the Lyell and Sherman outreach.



The food truck serves meals at Southeast Towers II and The Savannah.



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