



A little girl clutches her new children's Bible while a servant prays with her mother on Brown 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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Praise the Lord for His provision

Philippians 4:4-7 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and

the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

WE AGAIN are rejoicing in all that the Lord is doing at The Father's Heart. One big thing is that the truck we use to pick up donated food is getting refrigerated!

Another commercial refrigerator and freezer have been donated to the ministry, and we are in the process of getting a walk-in freezer!

The Lord is good and provides all things. He provides above and beyond.

WE ALSO have started a new outreach location on the fourth Saturday of the month on Cleveland Street. The first outreach there brought out many, and they heard about Jesus. What a blessing it was, and we are looking forward to what



A hot meal is served at the new Cleveland Street outreach site.

the Lord has in store for us at that location.

WE ARE preparing for some new things this summer and want to let you all know about it in case you want to get involved.

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We will do a service at Charlotte Beach on Sunday evenings with different pastors and worship groups at 5 p.m. on June 12, July 10, July 24, and August 7.

IF YOU have a heart to evangelize and want to invite someone to the service please arrive by 4 p.m. on those days. We will be sending out people at the park to hand out flyers inviting others to come to the service. The location will be on the schedule tab on our website, www.thefathersheartroc.org

Along with those outreaches we hope to come alongside the Edgerton Community Center again this summer and provide the kids with a weekly mini-Vacation Bible School

In July and August on Wednesday afternoons about 2 p.m.

WE ARE looking for some youth groups to sign up for a certain week to do activities and a Bible story with the kids. The Father's Heart will provide the snacks and ice cream for these outreaches.

We are also looking for people who are interested in doing worship at our different outreaches from May through October, weather permitting.

AS WE said in the beginning of this article, the Lord always provides but we want to let you all know the needs right now for the ministry.

Time is short and we want to be out there as much as possible, but

we need more volunteers. So if you are interested in helping in any of these areas please reach out to us at

contact@thefathersheartroc.org

Love In Christ,

Pastor 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 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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Unless noted otherwise, all scripture in the newsletter is from the New King James Version.



Above, groceries and hot food are available at the new Cleveland Street site. At right, the long grocery line at the outreach location.





It was a cold night on Chili Avenue.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 49: Galatians 5:1
By a servant in Christ

He repented but wanted to die

The Father's Heart ministry often ministers to addicts, thieves, ex-cons, and others whose lives are led by temptation. This world's temptations are many, including drugs, sexual immorality, crime, and the need for money to satisfy earthly desires.

THIS STORY takes place on North Clinton Avenue, one of our most challenging outreach locations, where I connected with a troubled Hispanic man who had just heard the gospel preached by Pastor Russ and was drawn by the love of Jesus.

As we finished bagging leftover

groceries and folding tables, I heard Pastor Russ call my name, waving at me to come while he ministered to "Rodolfo." As I approached them, it became clear that Rodolfo was distraught.

HE LOOKED up and down, closing his eyes as Russ shared the gospel and offered help. As it turned out, Rodolfo did not speak or understand English very well and was struggling to communicate.

Pastor Russ briefly summarized Rodolfo's tribulations to me: drug addiction, crime, a troubled life, and suicidal thoughts. I did my best to translate what each of them was saying, leading to a three-way bilingual prayer.

PASTOR RUSS gave Rodolfo a card with his phone number before moving on to wrap up the outreach. I stayed behind with Rodolfo trying to better understand his challenges as he wept. He explained to me that he was not only a heroin addict, but a criminal who had been **imprisoned 27 times** over the years.

I asked him to repeat what he had said, since his prison history seemed unfathomable. Rodolfo explained: "Some of the arrests were for dealing drugs and possession, some for stealing money to buy heroin, and some for beating people up to steal their money or drugs."

AS HE shared his criminal record, I periodically stopped him to pray for his troubles. He looked down, shaking his head, saying in Spanish: "I need to die. This world would be better without me in it. My death will save many and bring relief to my mother."

I asked him if he was repentant

of his many sins. And he said: "No question about that... I repent and wish to die to end it all..."

I EMBRACED him as he shook pleading for himself, his victims, and his elderly mother who suffered as a result of his behavior and her terminal illness. I shared that repentance and accepting Jesus as Savior were essential, but they needed to be manifested as change in his life and endurance to temptation. Rodolfo's ways were clearly driven by chemical dependency, but his death was not the solution.

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A time for prayer on Brown Street.

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James 1:12-15 says, "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

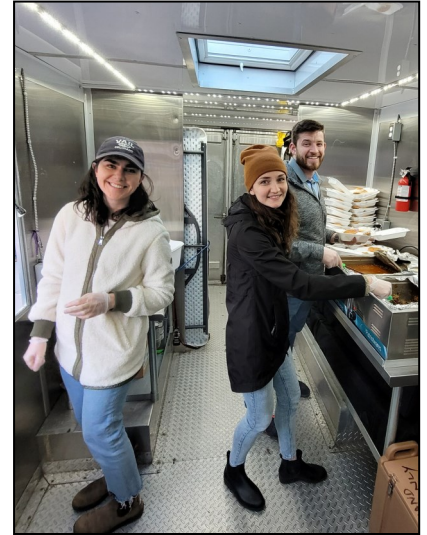
AS WE continued our discussion and prayer, Rodolfo stated that he needed to leave to care for his mother. After he shared the location of her apartment building, I realized it would be a long walk, right through the heart of "Heroin Alley."

It was now late, the bus was gone, and concerned about Rodolfo's condition, I offered him a ride to his mother's. He looked at me surprised saying: "You would give me a ride?" I smiled answering his question: "Yes, my pleasure..."

While driving him home we focus-



The line at Pinnacle Place apartments forms outside the food truck for hot, nutritious meals distributed by a friendly crew of volunteer servants.



ed on his acceptance of Jesus as Savior. As we approached his mother's apartment building, Rodolfo pleaded with me to go up to her room with him and pray for her. "Absolutely!" I responded.

WHEN WE got there, he went to the apartment lobby and called his mother (he did not have a cell phone). But sadly, she was not in a good place for me to visit. I prayed for her in the car, and we spent another 20 minutes or so, discussing how Jesus loved him and did not want him to take his life or continue in his ways.

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

IT BECAME time for him to go care for his mother, so I wrote my name and phone number on a piece of paper he got from the lobby. We hugged, and he walked away wav-

ing goodbye. Clearly, suicide was not Rodolfo's answer. Jesus was.

GALATIANS 5:1: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."



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Thank you!

Outreach needs

Clothing: New underwear.

General: Deodorant, feminine toiletry items, and small packs of wipes.

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.