



A volunteer from Rochester Adult & Teen Challenge packages hot take-out meals at North Clinton and Oakman.

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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Pray for chains to be broken

Isaiah 58:6-7 says, "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who

who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?"

LOOSE THE bonds of wickedness! Oh, how we pray that the Lord would do that for the city of Rochester and for our world.

During the past few weeks at The Father's Heart many hands have gone up for prayer at our outreaches. The oppression and the darkness are so heavy in the city of Rochester that you can physically feel it and spiritually sense it.

THE MAJORITY of those who raise their hands have been seeking prayer for health, for the Lord to rid them of fear and anxiety, for family members who are addicted, or for their own addictions. Some raise their hands for salvation and cry out to the Lord that they need Him in their lives.

MANY WHO come to the outreaches talk of the violence, and the evil, that is going on all around us. The Lord seems to be opening their eyes. They seem to be recognizing that only through Jesus can things be turned around.

The scripture that comes to our mind is the passage where the disciples gather around Jesus questioning why they couldn't cast out the demon from the young boy, but Jesus did. He answers them by saying in Mark 9:29, "So He said to them, 'This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.'"

WE BELIEVE the Lord has put it on our hearts to make you all aware that the first Thursday of every month is when we gather and pray for The Father's Heart and our city. We ask that you join us in storming

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the throne room of heaven and crying out to the Lord for salvation and new life in Christ and a revival in the city of Rochester and surrounding areas.

WE MEET at 6 p.m. at the ministry headquarters at 678 Lake Avenue. We will also take this day to fast for the ministry and the souls of the city of Rochester. If the Lord puts on your heart to do so please join us and fast from whatever the Lord puts on your heart to fast from that day.

We also want to tell you about a new branch to the ministry. For just over a year Anne and other ladies have gone out weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays and sometimes Fridays to minister to the women on the streets.



Preaching the gospel on Chili Avenue. Hearts turned to Jesus at this outreach.

THEY HAVE developed relationships with several of these women, and the women are now asking them where they were if they didn't happen to see them the week before.

Many are opening up and most ask for prayer. Many share their stories, their burdens, their fears, and their hurts. Many are so broken.

IN JUST the past two months they have brought four women to detox and as we write two are in there now. One is going to outpatient treatment and the other is going to inpatient treatment

The name of this branch of The Father's Heart is Redeeming Love. Why? Because Jesus has bought these women and every one of us. How? By His blood: His death on the cross.

Men all around them have sold them for drugs, for money, for control. But Jesus purchased them with the ultimate price: His death.

REDEEMING LOVE is what Christ is to all who have called out to Him as their Lord and Savior, that everlasting love.

So join us — whether it be from your home, or in person — to pray and fast for the demons to flee, for the oppression to be lifted, for the

chains to be broken, for the light of Christ to shine more than ever before, and for salvation in Jesus to come to many. We are here for such a time as this, children of God.

Love in Christ,
Russ and Anne Loria



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Thank you!

Beach outreach

Here's a reminder of our Reach the Beach for Christ outreach at Charlotte Beach on these three Sundays this summer: **July 10, July 24, and August 7.**

The outreach will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each day in the Portside Shelter at the beach in Ontario Beach Park, which is at the end of Lake Avenue in Charlotte. The shelter is just west of Charlotte Pier. We'll have different pastors and worship groups at every outreach. Worship begins at 4:30, followed by the gospel message at 5, and then a meal.

If you have a heart to evangelize and want to invite someone to the service, please arrive by 3:45 p.m. We will send out people in the park to distribute flyers inviting others to come to the service.



Volunteers unload and install a donated walk-in freezer at headquarters.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 50: 1 Peter 4:12-14
By a servant in Christ

A firm defense done with love

The Father's Heart ministry seeks to feed the poor with the word of God, prayer, food, and clothing. We appreciate that the need for food becomes more significant during difficult times involving pandemics, scarcity, and high prices.

But, as Jesus states in Mathew 4:4, the word will always have paramount importance: "...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

THE STORY that follows describes complaints and anger expressed by a secular individual who did not want us to share the word of God during an outreach. He hoped his rhetoric and

questions would throw cold water on the ministry and dampen our fervor for the Lord.

I WAS standing at the end of the long line while Pastor Russ shared the gospel when "Mr. Hendricks" approached me, asking if I was part of the "event." When I said yes, he shook his head in disapproval and proceeded to aggressively interrogate me.

His questions and complaints were many. I am grateful to God for providing answers. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

MR. HENDRICKS started the conversation saying: "You are very noisy. Maybe people of the neighborhood don't want to hear about your religion." I explained that this was not about religion; it was about serving the Lord.

He continued: "There are city ordinances for noise. You guys are violating the law. Too many decibels. I should call the police..."

PRAISE THE Holy Spirit that a few weeks before I learned about the Rochester noise ordinances. I explained to Mr. Hendricks that the ordinance cites 80 decibels as being excessive for noisy cars. I then show-

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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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A young man checks out the children's Bibles on Lyell Avenue.

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ed him a meter on my cellphone which measured 55 decibels. I said, "I think we are fine..."

MR. HENDRICKS' anger escalated; "You need a permit. It's against the law to do what you are doing without a permit. You're giving out food. Can't do that unless you are part of an approved social program!"

I explained that we had obtained permits and approval from the city and the county Department of Health to provide food. Frustrated, Mr. Hendricks had a rebuttal: "Well,

these people standing here just can't get the food they so badly need. They are forced to wait until after you preach. That's not right!"

I ANSWERED: "We are here to share the gospel. We appreciate food is important, but it must follow the gospel. If someone does not wish to listen, they can choose to leave..."

Mr. Hendricks interjected: "Yeah, but if they leave and come back you probably won't feed them... Right??"

I responded: "They are missing out on the good news, but if they leave and do come back, by the grace of God, they are welcome to take groceries and have a meal in the name of Jesus."

Mr. Hendricks stood quietly for about 10 seconds before saying: "We all have motives. I guess this makes you people feel good about yourselves..."

I MADE it clear to him that the ministry was not about us "feeling good," it was about serving the Lord and exalting Jesus. "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2).

Ultimately, Mr. Hendricks brought up race to hopefully stir up an argument: "It's not that I'm prejudiced but look at our neighborhood stores. They are owned by foreigners and whites like you. None are owned by people from this neighborhood. Why is that??"

I RESPONDED that we were there because of Jesus, and He does not care what color any of us are or where we were born. We visit ethnic neighborhoods with blacks, whites, Hispanics, Nepalis, Asians and more. We love them because Jesus loved them first.

Mr. Hendricks looked down, turned around and walked away appearing frustrated. Surprisingly, about twenty minutes later, he came back and had a delicious meal. I approached him smiling, expressing joy of seeing him again. Sounding annoyed he said: "I have a motive." I responded: "So do we. It's ALL about Jesus." That seemed to be the last straw and he walked away with his meal.

ALTHOUGH THIS was a difficult experience, I am thankful to the Holy Spirit for putting the right words in my mouth for His glory. This secular gentleman did his best to try the ministry, but He came to the rescue.

1 Peter 4:12-14: "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified."

Outreach needs

General: Deodorant, body wash, single-use toothbrushes, and small packs of wipes

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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