



Prayers before and during an outreach at North Clinton Avenue and Oakman 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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A summer packed with God's blessings

What a packed, filled summer it has been at The Father's Heart ministry.

The ministry did Reach the Beach for Christ at Ontario Beach Park in Charlotte four times with Pastor Jeff Martin of Petra Christian Fellowship, Pastor Luis Diaz of Hope Christ-

ian Fellowship Eastside, Pastor David Domina of Bethel Christian Fellowship, and Pastor Micah Chappell of Calvary Chapel of Greece sharing the word of God to the people. We had an awesome time of worship and fellowship, and many were ministered to.

AT ONE of the outreaches a young woman came who just attended church for the first time. She didn't own a Bible but we were able to give her a Spanish-language Bible. Thankfully the pastor and some others spoke Spanish and were able to minister and pray for her in her language.

ISN'T OUR God good? He is always on time, and He knows our every need.

On another outreach during worship a homeless man sat under a tree, listening to the music. When we



A woman receives a new Bible at Reach the Beach for Christ.

invited him inside the pavilion to sit down he said, "I will burn the place down if I go in there."

A servant sat with him and prayed with him and he started weeping.

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Young volunteers share Jesus at Edgerton Recreation Center.

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He listened to the whole message and then went in and joined us for a meal. Pray that the Lord would truly set him free from drugs and he would know how loved he is and how Jesus came for all.

ON WEDNESDAY afternoons throughout the summer, we had our kids club at Edgerton Community Center. Erin from Open Air Campaigners joined us and drew Bible stories on a board. The kids always looked forward to the stories and wondered how she would make certain things appear on her board.

We had a few church groups come out with us; some led worship and did crafts with the kids. We did a skit and made salvation bracelets, and all shared the message of Jesus to the children at the center and those that were there at the park.

THE KIDS loved the ice cream sundaes that they received along with freeze pops. Some of the kids never had an ice cream sundae before; they were so excited to see the food truck arrive.

Our regular mobile kitchen outreaches went great. At one outreach a woman came up and told us that five years ago she was drunk and was drawn to The Father's Heart headquarters where we were having an outreach, and she was given a Bible that she says, "broke down the word" so she could understand, and she has never been the same since.

She was changed and still had the Bible.

AT ANOTHER outreach a woman who was an addict walked up during the message and sank to the ground crying, "I love God, I love God, I'm a dirty addict, I love God, I need help, I love God."

The ministry sent her to Open Access, which is a center that is open 24 hours a day and places addicts in a detox program. We pray that she is sober and clean and that she knows how loved she is by God.

WE CAN'T even begin to count how many people have been prayed for throughout this season. The harvest is truly great.

We continued to see the Lord provide in mighty ways through this season. New York State has made it illegal to use foam containers for our hot meal distribution so we can't purchase them anymore. We have had to use paper containers that cost a minimum of \$60 for a box of 150, which is four times what we used to pay for foam!!!

WE WERE down to our last two boxes of foam containers when we got a call from a trucking company in Pennsylvania that sends up pallets of food and other items weekly to the ministry. They were sending up four pallets of paper three-compartment food containers. That's 22,400 containers!

What an amazing blessing and



A sample of the food containers donated to the ministry.

testimony of the Lord's continuous provision for the ministry.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 says, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Praise Jesus for the amazing ways that He reveals His love to all.

Love In Christ,

Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

Amazon shoppers have a new way to donate

Are you interested in donating to The Father's Heart ministry? If so, we have a new way you can get involved! For more details, please check out our Amazon Wishlist on the homepage of our website www.thefathersheart.org

Once there, click the "TFH Amazon Wishlist" button and shop for items that we use for our various outreaches! All items will be mailed directly to us. Thank you in advance and may God bless you always!

By Anne Loria

The demonic realm seeks to destroy us

The song "Worn" by Tenth Avenue North has the lyrics, "I'm tired, I'm worn, my heart is heavy, From the work it takes to keep on breathing." Another part of the song goes on to say, "Let me see redemption win, let me know the struggle ends. That You can mend a heart that's frail and torn. I want to know a song can rise, from the ashes of a broken life, and all that's dead inside can be reborn. 'Cause I'm worn."

REDEEMING LOVE, a new branch of The Father's Heart ministry, reaches out to addicted women on the streets of Rochester. When we approach these women, the one thing many of them say when they are ready to go to detox is, "I'm tired."

They're tired of the streets, the violence, the death all around them, and even their drug of choice. They are just so tired.

EVERY ONE of them that we have taken to detox has said this. For a moment the enemy is not winning anymore; we find them a place and we bring them to detox.

We pray with them to have the strength to fight this battle of addiction every day, we pray that they don't even have a desire for drugs anymore, we pray that they know that Jesus will be their comfort, strength, Healer, and above all Savior.

WE PRAY that they would finish detox and take the next step to get into a long-term or outpatient program where they can have support. The enemy wants to destroy these women.

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.

Here's one story about a woman we will call Amelia. As our van approached the house where many women gather, Amelia came up and said to us, "I'm ready. Please, can I go in today and get help? I'm so tired."

WE TOOK her to a local detox facility that treats alcohol, as she was on alcohol and crack cocaine. We prayed with her as we dropped her off and gave her a small Bible.

When we pulled away, we sent out our prayer requests for her that the Lord would heal her, strengthen her and set her free.

WE WERE hopeful since she had been looking for us for a couple of days at The Father's Heart headquarters but would always come when we weren't there.

The next day, though, I received a call from Amelia. Her husband had died the night that she was in detox. Her sister called her. He had overdosed.

THE ENEMY does all he can to kill and destroy. He succeeded that night by taking a life and by having Amelia leave the detox program to claim her husband's items and to bury him.

But the Lord isn't giving up on Amelia. No, He never will. We are talking with her daily and her hope is to get back into detox this coming week. Pray for her: for comfort, protection, strength, and salvation.

THIS NEW branch of The Father's Heart has been more eye-opening to me than all 12 years that I have done the mobile kitchen. It is hard for me to drive around these streets and not see the women slouched over from drugs, walking around looking for her next "date," sleeping while they are standing up, and with bruised faces, and marks up and down their whole bodies.

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Many times, when another woman and myself go out on weekdays, we are in tears when we pray with these women.

WHEN WE ask the question, "What happened?" we hear their answers: "Oh, I was beat up, Oh, I was robbed. They stabbed me. They raped me. My best friend overdosed..."

The demonic realm is real. In John 10:10 Jesus says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly."

I'M SORRY that I am not sugar-coating this, but this is why we go out. We want these women to know that the devil wants to kill them and take it all from them, but when Jesus died on that cross, He gave them the opportunity to have eternal life, to be made whole in Him.

Oh, how we want the women to know they are so loved, that they are so tired because they were nev-

Outreach needs

Clothing: We are collecting winter items, especially men's jeans and sweatshirts or hoodies, coats, hats and gloves, new socks, and new underwear.

Toiletries: Deodorant, toothpaste, and small packages 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.

er made to fight this type of battle, and that Jesus never would want them to be where they are today.

Will you pray with us the following scripture over the women on the streets of Rochester, and everywhere?

MATTHEW 11:28-29: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

God Speaks Through the City

Part 51: 1 John 4:7-11
By a servant in Christ

The love of God has no bounds

The Father's Heart was part of a beautiful outreach led by Rescue & Revive Ministries at downtown Rochester's Liberty Pole. A number of churches and ministries were present, along with a ladies' worship team and four speakers who shared the word of God.

MOST OF the crowd was immersed in the word and beautiful testimonies being shared. However, some were busy chatting, smoking weed, and drinking beer. Servants of the various ministries were busy passing out tracts and offering prayer to those in need.

As I wandered around, I noticed two men shoving each other in



Hot meals are served from the mobile kitchen on Chili Avenue.

fun without any regard to outreach activities. Their irreverence and behavior attracted me to them, so I approached them and said hello. My greeting was largely ignored, with one of them, "Joseph," saying, "What do you want?" They continued their playfulness, pushing each other while doing neck holds.

THE TWO finally sat down as "Lou" led the conversation. I overheard them talking about three ladies sitting in front of them, with Lou saying: "God is love, let's show them..."

Lou, who wore sagging trousers, walked over to the three ladies, telling them how important love was and offering hugs. Understandably, the ladies were not receptive and ignored his request.

WITH PERSISTENCE, Lou continued to offer hugs. One of the ladies then said, "We can shake hands." They proceeded to shake hands, while Lou shook his head with disappointment.

To reduce the standoff, I stepped in, tapped Lou on the shoulder saying: "Can I have a hug??" Lou turned around and said with a big smile, "YES! GOD IS LOVE!!" He launched at me with arms stretched out and we hugged tightly for a long time.

Lou turned around to the ladies saying, "You see, God is love," as we

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walked back to where Joseph was standing. Lou asked my name and told Joseph: "There is love in his heart," while pounding my chest. "WE ARE NOW BROTHERS!"

THE CONVERSATION turned to feelings of guilt for how bad Lou was. "God is love but I am such a bad person, that sometimes I'm not sure that God loves me..."

I explained to both of them that we are all bad, that Jesus gave His life to cleanse us of our sins, and how important it is for all to repent and follow Him. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

BOTH LOU and Joseph stood there quietly deep in thought, until Lou suddenly darted out at me, embracing me in another long hug, while saying: "I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART, BROTHER! OUR HEARTS ARE TOUCHING IN TOTAL LOVE!"

We continued to talk about Jesus



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Thank you!



Volunteers from Rochester Adult & Teen Challenge serve in the mobile kitchen. Please pray for these men as they grow in Jesus.

as Lou continued to hug me while doing periodic "fist bumps." After a few fist bumps, with both Lou and Joseph, I told them how much I appreciated them but mentioned that I recently had wrist surgery and fist bumps were a bit painful.

LOU APOLOGIZED, saying, "I feel your pain." He showed me his fist which was badly swollen, while saying: "I had a problem with a guy yesterday and had to knock him out with a punch. Now my fist and hand are in pain."

I prayed for his healing, while asking the Lord to give Lou wisdom on how to deal with problems in the streets. There was a quiet time of introspection afterwards while Lou asked me if I wished prayer for my wrist.

WITH GREAT appreciation I said yes, and he proceeded to pray for me while expressing his love for me. After the prayer, he gave me another tight, long hug. The conversations that followed were long, lasting until after the ministries had left.

I mentioned to Lou and Joseph that I needed to leave, and Lou said to me: "I want to see you again..." I had a couple of schedules for The Father's Heart which I shared with them.

After receiving another hug, Lou looked at me in the eye about five inches away from my face, saying something that took me by surprise: "You know, if I would have been given a choice to take a \$1,000 over there, or meet you, I would have chosen you. Money is only paper, you are love."

We looked at each other eye-to-eye and proceeded with a last hug. I told him that God willing I would see him again, assuring him there will be more hugs in Jesus' name.

1 JOHN 4:7-11: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

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