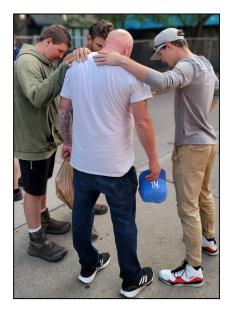
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**Isaiah 6:8:** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I; send me."



Young servants of the Lord from several churches pray with a man during an outreach at Andrews Terrace apartments.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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# Praise the Lord for His blessings

The hymn verse that comes to mind to describe this summer is, "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"

We praise the Lord for all that He

has done during these summer months at The Father's Heart ministry.

**WE HAD** our first church group stay at the new home, and they served with us all that week. They also scheduled another time to come up from Pennsylvania.

We haven't even told people about the new home where they can stay when they can come to serve with us, but the Lord seems to be letting them know and they are just coming.

**IT IS** awesome to see what the Lord is doing and how He is bringing the people to serve at the ministry.

Reach the Beach outreaches went well. We had a sweet time of fellowship and worship. Some people came from the beach, but it was more of a time of refreshing the saints and stirring them to witness.



A believer witnesses on Lyell Avenue.

Many kids were given Bible books and bracelets that explained the gospel to them.

**OUR MOBILE** kitchen outreaches have been going well and the Lord is continuing to protect the ministry on the streets of Rochester. This past month we had some people share their testimonies and it was

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Clockwise from top left: Free backpacks loaded with school supplies, Bible crafts, and ice cream sundaes were part of this summer's Kids' Club outreaches.

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powerful to hear how the Lord has worked in people's lives.

AT ONE outreach a believer named Kathryn shared her testimony and another woman who was in the crowd came up after and said, "She was speaking to me. Can I talk to her?"

Kathryn was able to pray with the woman and share with her even more.

THERE IS such power in hearing how God has delivered, restored, or healed, power in hearing that His promises are true. Our hearts are to continue doing more testimonies out on the streets along with the word of God.

The Kids' Club was great all summer. Every Wednesday afternoon we would do activities with the kids, whether it was crafts, games, or worship. Different youth groups came out throughout the summer, and it gave them the opportunity





to show the love of Christ to these kids.

The kids' faces would light up when the mobile kitchen pulled in. They loved ice cream sundaes the most. At our last outreach several said they never had a sundae like that before.

AT THE last outreach we gave all the kids backpacks stuffed with supplies for the school year. What a blessing it was that the Lord provided all the backpacks needed.

We were able to pray with most of the kids that this year they would be blessed and protected. Please keep these kids in prayer as they start the new school year and we resume the Kids' Club on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

WE ARE in awe that we get to serve the Lord in these ways week after week. Thank you for all the prayers and support to keep The Father's Heart ministry going.

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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### **Redeeming Love**

**By Anne Loria** 



Redeeming Love is a branch of The Father's Heart ministry that focuses on addicted and/or exploited women on the streets of Rochester.

## Taking the first step to an abundant life

John 10:10 says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and they may have it more abundantly."

**OUT ON** the streets we see week after week how the enemy of our souls is trying to destroy these women. Trying to have them stay right where they are.

### **Outreach needs**

**Clothing:** New underwear and socks for men and women.

Spiritual: Kids' Bibles.

For newly purchased items, please consider making the purchase through Amazon Wishlist. See the Amazon Wishlist box on Page 5. Or, 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.



What a huge blessing! Ryan from Ryan's Roc'N Deals raised more than \$400 for The Father's Heart by selling raffle tickets for a chair. The winner even donated the chair to the ministry!

Tricking them into just one more time, or shouting in their minds that they are worthless, hopeless, and they don't matter, and they will never change.

IT MAKES me think of the time that we were out there ministering to one lady. She was sharing her childhood and we asked her, "What is your dream?"

She answered, "To be a ballerina in *Peter Pan*."

she went on to tell us that she had received a partial scholar-ship to the Julliard performing arts school years ago, but her mom said she would never make it. We encouraged her that to-day she can take that first step and change and get her life back and work towards that dream.

You see, one of the women who goes out with the ministry stated just a few weeks back, "I think we need to ask the women, 'What is your dream?' " Even scripture says that without vision the people perish.

**WE WANT** to show these women that there is abundant life in Jesus Christ. The enemy will keep

shouting lies but we want to tell them the truth: that in Christ they have hope, peace, joy and most importantly, eternal life.

**PLEASE PRAY** that these women start to see that their hope only can be found in the Lord and that with the Lord there is abundant life.

Love in Christ, Anne Loria



The shoes and clothing table.

# **God Speaks Through the City**

Part 57: John 13:34 By a servant in Christ

## She shouts a hallelujah after a painful ordeal

The story that follows is a powerful testimony of the love of Jesus and The Father's Heart ministry. Being His hands and feet, while guided by the Holy Spirit, both physical and spiritual needs of a young pregnant woman suffering from a medical emergency and severe hunger were met.

IT WAS a hot summer day at the Hudson Avenue outreach when I heard a loud groan and noticed a lady collapse on the sidewalk. Hurriedly I approached her as she be-



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Thank you!



Pastor Russ prays with a couple on Chili Avenue.

came surrounded by servants and street people.

THE LADY, "Shanice," cried out in pain and agony, holding her chest: "I can't breathe!! My chest hurts!!" She loosened her blouse and asked for ice to relieve her pain while sharing that she was pregnant and had not eaten for several days. Given her serious symptoms, a servant called 911 while others ran to a nearby grocery store looking for ice.

While Shanice remained in agony, a group of servants stood by fervently praying while one held up the lid of a bin to provide her shade. To console her, two servants sat next to her, one on her left side the other on her right side.

WHILE WAITING for emergency services to arrive, the servants shared their compassion for her, the gospel, and how much Jesus loves her and her baby. As the servant on Shanice's right side prayed, he lean-

ed toward her softly saying: "This is going to sound weird..."

With a puzzled look on her face Shanice asked him, "What?" The servant explained: "In my prayers I have asked God to heal you and that I would be willing to accept your pain and condition to keep you and your baby safe..."

SHANICE EMOTIONALLY reached out to hold the servant's hand, expressing her gratitude. "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" (Philippians 2:3-4).

Although we were unable to find ice, we brought Shanice a large cup of cold water and she poured it over her head and chest. She seemed to be doing better as the emergency

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vehicle arrived and EMTs assessed her condition.

SHANICE HAD said that she did not want to go to the hospital. Praise God, the EMTs confirmed after a number of tests that her condition was not critical. "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14-15).

**SHANICE WAS** finally able to stand up with help from servants and slowly walk to sit by the table holding tracts and Bibles. A servant brought her a meal, which she ate voraciously after going days without food.

Another servant who had prayed

for her gave her an illustrated Christian children's book for her future baby. Shanice greatly appreciated the book and expressed her gratitude, beaming a smile for the first time during the outreach.

AS WE began to pack up tables, Shanice's joy was in stark contrast to her prior suffering, pain, and hunger. Thankful for the outpouring of Jesus' love from the ministry, she yelled out "HALLELUJAH!!!" for all to hear.

Three servants then helped her walk home carrying meals and groceries. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

**GIVEN THE** chaos, Pastor Russ did not preach but Jesus still shared His love through the ministry: fervent prayer from many, a timely call to 911, the gospel, a servant praying to

transfer Shanice's pain and condition unto himself, a delicious hot meal and groceries to feed her hunger, and the love of Jesus for her and her baby. Her physical and spiritual needs were met, serving as His hands and feet to glorify Him.

**PRAISE GOD** for His perfect love.

John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

## 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.thefathersheartroc.org

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

Amazon has ended its AmazonSmile program, which benefitted the ministry. Many thanks to those who used AmazonSmile to donate to the ministry. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating through Amazon Wishlist.



A man in need receives free groceries on Chili Avenue.