



A volunteer laden with bags from the groceries table takes time for much-needed prayer.

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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We come together to spread His word

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God the Father who's the source; Praise God, our portion here below. The words from that hymn is what we think of at The Father's Heart ministry day in and day out when we see the Lord supply every need at the ministry.

WE RECEIVED a call the other day from an older woman who said she has been so blessed by coming to the ministry and hearing the word of God, by being prayed for by the volunteers, and by the food.

One thing that struck us in the conversation was when she said, "I especially love the cheese you gave out last week. I always wanted to buy that cheese but could never afford it. Boy, I loved that cheese!"

GOD IS so good He desires to bless His children above and beyond anything that we could ask or think. He blessed this woman with a type of cheese that she would never buy on her own. He really is in the details.

We recently took a trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to serve a luncheon for the trucking company that supplies the ministry every week with three or four pallets of food,

which we use for the ministry's outreaches and also give out to other ministries.

WE SERVED approximately 80 people a delicious lasagna made by Russ along with a side salad, fresh Italian bread and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

All the employees stated how blessed they were. But we were blessed and continued to be blessed by this company.

WHILE WE were there, we also attended a service of Calvary Chapel Honey Brook, the fellowship attended by the trucking company's president. To our surprise, after the service the fellowship had a Bible sticker "sticking time."

You see, The Father's Heart receives boxes of Spanish and English Bibles from a ministry that gives

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Above left, volunteers in Pennsylvania apply stickers to new Bibles that will be distributed across the country. At right, a volunteer with The Father's Heart helps a woman select a free Bible that she can take home and read.

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thousands and thousands of Bibles throughout the country to other ministries. The Bibles come with stickers inside them giving scripture to look up and a simplified salvation message.

CHURCHES HELP by putting stickers on the inside of these Bibles

Read God's word!

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

— 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You."

— Psalm 119:11

and the trucking company transports the Bibles throughout the country. So we were so blessed to be able to help put stickers in 5,000 Spanish Bibles. That's right; they did 5,000 Bibles that day!!

THEY WERE being sent to the border to ministries that hand them out and minister to those crossing the border. We really loved being a part of something that also has blessed The Father's Heart ministry.

It makes us think of Acts 20:35 that says, "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

WE THANK the Lord for the ministries all over the country that are serving Jesus, helping each other, and providing for each other's needs. We are the body of Christ and if we come together with Him

at the center, we can get so much accomplished for His kingdom.

WE PRAY that in Rochester, that will continue to happen: the body of Christ coming together to spread the Good News and to work together to see Christ take back our city.

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.

Pray for the lost to trust in Jesus

"I'm not sure who God is, or I don't know if He is real." That is what we hear occasionally from the women on the streets in Rochester.

OUR RESPONSE most of the time is to tell them to ask God to reveal to them if He is real, that He would show them His love for them.



Waiting in line for a hot meal.

MANY TIMES we give them small Bibles and we say to read the book of John or Matthew and to ask the Lord to show them what is the truth.

On one particular outreach with the women, we came across a lady named "Susie." We talked with her about her kids and how she really desires to see them again, and also for her mom who has COPD; Susie helps take care of occasionally.

AFTER ALL we prayed with her and for her children and mom, we told her to call out to Jesus for strength and a desire to get off drugs. She told us then that her mom was a Christian and would always say the same thing to her.

We told Susie that her mom has probably been praying for her for a long time and what a gift it would be to her mom if she got clean. We told her that by allowing Jesus to be her strength and by surrendering her life to Him, He can do it for her. But she stated to us, "I'm not sure if God is real or who He is."

WE THEN told her to ask Him to reveal Himself to her and to show her if He was real. Right after we said that she said, "I know. The other day I saw a girl die before my eyes and I prayed to God to bring her back to life, and she woke up and lived."

In awe, all of us said, "He just answered your prayer. He brought a dead girl back to life before your eyes. Do you still wonder who He is?"

SHE SMILED and said, "I know. I asked, and He answered."

We continued to talk to her about what a miracle she had

witnessed that day and how the Lord is trying to show her who He is and how much He loves her by witnessing that.

HE IS also trying to show her that He is real by leading us to stop and pray for her, by giving her food and water, and by her mom's continued prayers for her and not giving up on her.

She acknowledged that but walked away saying she would read the Bible and start searching and soon get clean from the drugs.

IT MAKES me think of John 20:29-31. It says, "Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

I can't tell you the countless times that the women will say, "God was watching out for me, God kept me

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Outreach needs

Clothing: New women's socks and small and medium underwear.

Hygiene: Women's deodorant and lip balm (Please note these items can be purchased through Amazon Wishlist. See details on Page 4).

Spiritual: Kids' Bible books.

For newly purchased items, please consider making the purchase through Amazon Wishlist. 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.

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alive that night, God gave me supernatural strength to get out of there, God knew exactly what I needed and provided it for me that day."

These women say those things, then turn around and say, "I don't know if I really believe."

PRAY THAT these women would read the Bibles we give them and the scripture cards that are put in each toiletry bag, and that Jesus would reveal Himself to them in such a powerful way.

These women need to know that Jesus is their only hope, and how He loves them so much to have died for them to give them eternal life if they just believe.

God bless,
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 click on "TFH Amazon Wishlist" on 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 benefited the ministry. Many thanks to those who used AmazonSmile to donate to the ministry. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating through Amazon Wishlist.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 61: Colossians 3:12-13

By a servant in Christ

Our message is hope, not condemnation

The Father's Heart ministry seeks to bring the lost to Jesus by sharing His love, mercy, and grace. As was covered in Part 60 in the March-April issue, we sometimes interact with people who lack faith and seek satisfaction through ungodly behavior.

TO CONNECT with street people, Pastor Russ shares a powerful testimony of his past involving drug addiction. As a result of Adam's sin, we were born of the flesh and cannot enter the kingdom of God unless we are born again of the Spirit. Thankful for God's grace and mercy, our ministry's message is one of hope, not condemnation.

The story that follows describes how a young man became a non-believer after being involved with an "evangelical" group that presented faith through condemnation instead of love.

AFTER PASTOR Russ' gospel message on Lyell Avenue, a long line awaited to get free groceries, clothing, and a hot meal. As I approached people in line to share the gospel and offer prayer, a young man, "Eric," shook his head saying, "I don't want any prayer or to hear your gospel."

I asked Eric if he had heard the message and he said, "No, I tuned it out. I'm OK the way I am..." Trying not to be pushy I began a conversa-



And most of all Jesus.

tion with another person in line who asked for prayer. Eric stood there listening, seemingly annoyed.

After I hugged the gentleman I had prayed for, Eric approached me and said, "Want to know why I don't want to hear your gospel?" I nodded my head yes and Eric started to share a negative experience he had a couple of years before.

"AS A kid I was in the faith, so I connected with a so-called 'evangelical group' that went door to door pushing their beliefs." I asked Eric what was negative about his experience.

He explained that when residents opened the door, the group was "ordered" to offer a pamphlet and say: "If you don't read this, you're going to hell!" According to Eric, members of the group took turns offering pamphlets, which was very disturbing to him and others. He asked senior members of the group a number of questions:

"PEOPLE OPENING doors to greet us don't even know what's in the pamphlet. Why should they even accept it? What if they do read the pamphlet but disagree with what it

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teaches? Would they not go to hell just because they read it?"

ERIC WENT on explaining his concerns and why he decided to stop being an evangelist: "As I thought about it, it became more disturbing to the point that I wanted nothing to do with Christianity, so I threw away my Bible..."

Having a better understanding of Eric's mindset, I explained to him how Jesus loves him and how He gave His life for sinners like us. I mentioned (from Mark 2:17) that Jesus did not come to call the righteous, but to call sinners like Eric and me to repentance with total humility, not condemnation.

ERIC SEEMED receptive, and after a long discussion he humbly apologized for his negative attitude. I explained that evangelists need to be HIS vessels and fulfill HIS purpose,



A long line for groceries.



Pastor Russ gives the gospel message at an outreach on Lyell Avenue.

not ours. By this time, Eric had gone through the line, was blessed with a meal, and expressed his gratitude for The Father's Heart.

LAST BUT not least, his parting words were: "Can I get a Bible? I threw mine away..." I exclaimed "YES!", ran to a table and brought him a Bible. We parted with a hug.

As Paul states in 2 Corinthians 11:12-13, boasting while evangelizing does not serve His purpose. "But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ."

THE FATHER'S HEART shares how faith is not about legalistic judgment or religious traditions, but about repentance, salvation, and developing a personal relationship with God. Praise Him that Eric came to the realization that true evangelism serves Him, not man's religiosity, legalism, or pride.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-13: "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."



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Thank you!