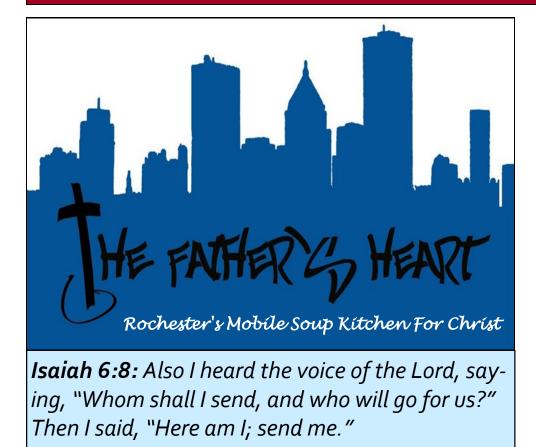
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A young girl begins reading a Bible she received at an outreach on Cleveland Street.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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God breaks barriers to spread the gospel

Over the past several months at The Father's Heart we have ministered to people from different nations like Syria, Yemen, Mexico, and China, and several countries in Africa. We can't help but think about the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

ONE FAMILY from Yemen has been coming to the outreach on Lyell Avenue the past few months. They come with big smiles on their faces, and we give them clothing, groceries and a hot meal.

They don't speak English, but we have been able to communicate with them via the Google Translate app on our phones. We have shared with them the life-saving message of Jesus by speaking it in English. The app translates it to Arabic.

WE HAVE built a relationship with this family, and they even wanted a Bible in Arabic that we were able to give them.

We were able to share the gospel through Google Translate with a couple that we believe are from Syria. Russ was even able to pray with them through the app and they also wanted Arabic Bibles.

AT ONE outreach we had several people that we believe are from China. When they saw a copy of the Gospel of John that was printed in a Chinese dialect, they pointed to it and then to themselves and said, "me," meaning the book was written in their language. What a blessing!!!!

Jesus truly does seek and save the lost. He is the Lord of salvation. We can't help but think that regardless of where we stand politically on all those crossing our border, Jesus allowed them to come Rochester.

HE KNEW they would walk up to the mobile soup kitchen, and He knew that someone would share with them the true life-saving mes-Continued on Page 2

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Clockwise from top left: A boy searches for clothes, the line for groceries, and servants are ready to distribute food.

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sage of the gospel of Jesus. He knew that they would get His word, the Bible, in their language. It might have taken them to come all the way to Rochester to be able to hear this life-changing message.

JESUS TRULY knows what every person needs, and He truly reaches them where they are. During a recent outreach at a Christian rap music concert, a group of individuals from a group home came up to a table we had set up with Bibles, tracts, and Bible Promise Books for people to take.

Along with all the reading material we had a DVD called *God of Wonders*, a documentary about God's creation. One of the residents picked it up with a question in his eyes and we told him it is a movie about God.

THE CAREGIVER with them said, "That will be perfect for you guys," as many of them couldn't read. You see, they will be able to hear





and see about Jesus and His creation and salvation found only in Him through watching a movie.

WE ARE so blessed in this nation to have the word of God freely in our possession, whether it be by the word being preached, or the word written in our language in a Bible or tract, or the word portrayed in a wordless gospel tract, or the word given in a movie or documentary.

We know the word of God does not return void. We praise God that He brings us people from all over the world, every tribe and tongue and nation, to share with them. **PLEASE PRAY** that the Lord continues to minister to these families through The Father's Heart and that one day they call out to Him and make Him Lord and Savior of their lives. Let's keep shining and telling others about His love and His gift of eternal life, until the whole world hears.

Love in Christ, Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

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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.

Moving from prison to the Lord's palace

Redeeming Love had its firstever women's retreat at the end of May. It was a small group of about 25 women that consisted of volunteers of the ministry and four women Redeeming Love has served, including three who have been sober and off the streets and in their own apartments now for close to 14 months!!!

Outreach needs

Clothing: Men's and women's T-shirts and shorts..

Hygiene: Deodorant (Please note this item can be purchased through Amazon Wishlist. See details on Page 5).

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.



A servant delivers the gospel on Cleveland Street. Every outreach of The Father's Heart ministry begins with the faithful proclamation of the word of God.

THE RETREAT was at LeTourneau Christian Center on Canandaigua Lake. We had times of worship, prayer, and teachings. Many tears were shed, both happy and sad, as we shared what the Lord has been doing in all our lives.

It was really just a precious time to come together as women in Christ and be refreshed and refueled to go back out there and to not give up on reaching these women for Jesus. It was so encouraging to sit together around the campfire and truly see "the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living," as it says in Psalm 27:13.

WHAT GOT me the most was when the women that once were on the streets stated, "Next year we are going to have more women here from off the streets." We prayed for the women on the streets a lot that weekend.

Since that retreat when some of the women on the streets

run to the van, we have been able to share with them about the retreat and the women who were with us, and how they have given their lives to the Lord and have surrendered, and how next year it could be their turn; that there is a future and a hope.

OH, HOW they need to grasp that there is a true future and hope for them, but it is only going to be found in Jesus. They need to know that beauty can come from ashes, and that He can make them a new creature in Christ.

One of the teachings at the retreat was on Joseph in the Book of Genesis. A phrase about Joseph was shared that I think ministered to all our hearts that weekend: "Only God can bring someone from the prison to a palace."

PRAY FOR the women on the streets. Just as all the women at the retreat are princesses, they also can become a daughter to the King of Kings and be brought from the prison they are in to the ultimate palace.

Love,

Anne Loria

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God Speaks Through the City

Part 62: Luke 18:16-17 By a servant in Christ

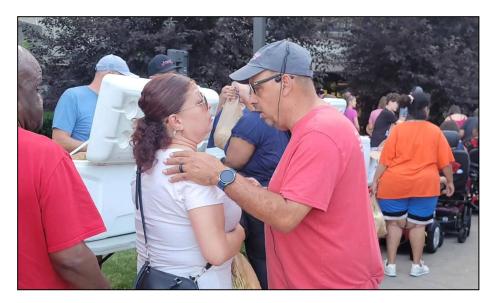
'And a little child shall lead them'

The Father's Heart ministry reaches out to men and women of all ages, races, nationalities, religious beliefs, backgrounds, and personalities. As Jesus' Great Commission clearly states: " 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20).



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Thank you!



Pastor Russ prays with a woman at Andrews Terrace apartments.

SHARING THE gospel one-on-one can be challenging at times, especially when we encounter language barriers, non-believers, or followers of other religions. Praise God, the story that follows covers the other end of the spectrum. It involves a small child who accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

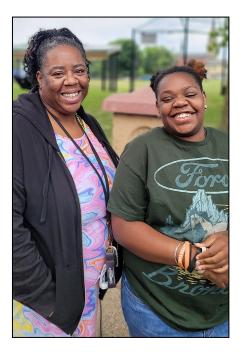
As Pastor Russ shared the gospel at Brown and West Main Street, I noticed a little boy listening attentively, standing next to his father and younger brother. Unlike other children and some adults, "Aiyden" was not talking or distracted; he was totally immersed in the word of God.

I APPROACHED the family and put my hand on his father's shoulder, giving him a "thumbs up" while pointing at Aiyden. The father smiled, nodding his head with joy, delighting in his son's passion for the gospel. I then walked along the line of street people while continuing to observe Aiyden's undivided attention to the powerful message being preached.

Pastor Russ concluded his message stating how God can set us free,

asking people to raise their hands if they wanted Jesus, the name above all names, to give them a new heart. Aiyden immediately raised his arm, stretching it upward as high as possible. With great delight, a fellow servant and I approached him.

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The joy of these ladies is evident at North Clinton and Oakman.

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After greeting him, the fellow servant bent over to make eye-toeye contact with Aiyden and shared that we are all sinners, how Jesus loves us and died on the cross for our sins, and "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

FULL OF the Spirit, Aiyden raised his hand, praising Jesus as his Lord and Savior with joy and conviction.

As the people in line proceeded to get food and groceries, I started a conversation with Aiyden's father, who was very thankful for what had just transpired. He shared with me his joy for Aiyden's salvation:

"BEAUTIFUL...HE is only seven years old. I take him to church every Sunday, but this has never happened. Thank you so much!"

To further encourage Aiyden, I checked out a bin full of books and pamphlets, finding a children's



Servants prepare hot meals to go.

book about the story of Jesus. I showed Aiyden the book and asked him if he wanted it. Aiyden flashed a smile, yelled "YES! THANK YOU!", grabbed the book from my hand, held the book close to his heart, and then lifted it up in glory.

AS AIYDEN and his dad approached the truck for the meal, Aiyden kept holding the book to his chest, clearly passionate and thankful for God's gift of salvation.

As I meditated on the outreach later that day, Aiyden's salvation came to mind. His father had planted seeds by taking him to church, but there he was, in a difficult neighborhood, listening to Pastor Russ for the first time, and being ministered to by people he had never met before. Could a small child give his life to the Lord given these circumstances?

JESUS MADE our mission clear in Mark 16:15: "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.' "

Aiyden's earnest faith at the young age of seven also left me in awe. Reflecting on Biblical examples, Hannah took Samuel to the temple when he was an infant and God spoke to him when he was still a child. Josiah was only eight years old when he became king, seeking and walking in the ways of David and later, still as a child, purging images, carvings, and idols from Judah and Jerusalem.

THE BIBLE does not reveal an age when a child can be born again, but Romans 10:13 provides clear guidance regarding salvation: "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Given Aiyden's response to the "Romans Road" and his heart being set on fire by the gospel, I pray he inherited eternal life at Brown and Main Street, thereby receiving the kingdom of God.

THANK YOU JESUS, Lord of heaven and earth, for Aiyden's salvation and for providing servants of The Father's Heart the opportunity to follow Your example ministering to little children.

Luke 18:16-17: "But Jesus called them to Him and said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.' "

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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!

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