



*A hug is freely given and joyfully received at Southeast Towers apartment complex.*

*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're all His kids if we follow Him

It has been a busy summer at The Father's Heart ministry.

Every Wednesday we have partnered with Child Evangelism Fellowship at Edgerton Recreation Center. This interdenominational Christian

group has taught stories from the Bible to the kids at the center, and the kids even memorized a verse this summer.

**MANY CAME** forward and asked Jesus to be their Savior. Thank you, Lord; we pray that the word of God is hidden in their hearts and that they continue to call out to Jesus all their days.

The mobile kitchen became an ice cream truck every Wednesday at the recreation center, and the kids loved it.

We were able to bless many kids with backpacks and supplies to start the school year.

**PLEASE PRAY** for these kids to remember that Jesus is their ever-present help in time of trouble. Pray that they go against the flow of this world and look to Jesus. Pray for our Thursday night Kids Club at

Edgerton Recreation Center that will resume in mid-September.

**IF YOU** are interested in volunteering with the kids or with the Child Evangelism Fellowship you can reach out to us, and we can put you in contact with that ministry. For either opportunity please email us at: [contact@thefathersheartroc.org](mailto:contact@thefathersheartroc.org)

At the new missions house we had a few mission groups come from Pennsylvania and Maryland this summer and serve alongside the ministry at all our weekly outreaches.

**SOME OF** the young women from one group even went out with Redeeming Love and served the women on the streets and shared with them the love of Christ.

We brought one group to Charlotte Beach where we passed out tracts

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*Distributing cold water and hot meals at Lyell and Sherman.*

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and Bibles and ministered to people. Many of the conversations started with, "Can I pray for you for anything?" There were many open doors and open hearts and some hard hearts, but we know that His word never returns void.

**WE HAVE** more groups from out of state that are interested in coming and staying at the missions home and serving with the ministry. If you are interested in learning more about this please reach out to us via the email above.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

**THE WORD** of God: how powerful it is! At times we hear testimonies from various people who say they heard something in the message that was like Jesus was speaking

right to them, or that a prayer touched their heart.

**BUT THIS** is just too awesome not to share: It was on a Friday night that the Lord was so faithful to show us and encourage the ministry at Lyell and Sherman. We weren't even supposed to be there, but due to a fire at one of the high-rises that we go to, (thankfully no one was injured) we decided to go to Lyell.

While Russ was preaching the message we saw a woman and her daughter that we hadn't seen in quite some time. She was Muslim and dressed in her hijab. She was listening to the message and when Russ asked if anyone wanted to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior her daughter raised her hand and prayed for Jesus to come into her heart. It was so precious to see.

**AFTER THE** message the woman came up to Russ and said, "I wanted to thank you. A few years ago you saved my life. You gave me a Bible at an outreach and I went home and started reading it and I accepted Jesus as my Savior. You saved my life."

WOW! What an amazing testimony of the power of the Living Word!!!! Please keep this woman and her child in prayer. What they have done isn't easy. Pray that this woman comes to another outreach so that we can minister to her again.

**AS WE** shared in our last newsletter, the Lord is bringing those from all around the world to The Father's Heart outreaches. Every tribe and tongue. What a day it will be when we as believers are standing around the throne worshipping the Lamb who was slain, the One who took on the sins of the world.

**ALL OF** us are His children because we heard the word of God and repented and called out to Jesus and made Him our Savior and King. People from every tribe and tongue will be worshipping Him together for eternity. Saints, let's share His word more than ever before.

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.*

## When "lost causes" find the Lord's love

**W**eek after week the Redeeming Love van goes out on Mondays and Wednesdays to the women on the streets who are exploited and/or addicted. We load the van with meals, snacks, toiletry bags, clothing, and women eager to extend their hands to show the love of Christ to women who seem to have no hope.

**THIS SUMMER** an increasing number of women we have seen on the streets are getting younger, and the women who have been out there for some time now are looking like they can't go on much more.

To be blunt, it can get very discouraging, but any discouragement leaves us when we turn down a street and a girl who has seen the van begins to smile and wave to us and sometimes even starts running towards the van.

**WHEN THE** girls call out to other girls who are in a house, one by one the women come out. When we see their faces change before us we



*At left, the grocery line winds around the corner at West Main and Brown. At right, a servant helps a woman with her choices at Pinnacle Place apartments.*

know we are doing what the Lord would want us to be doing.

I **JUST** started going into the jails through Good News Jail Ministry. It gives us the opportunity to sit down and really talk to the women and pray with them.

When I walked into one area of the jail two women from the streets ran up and gave us hugs and told us, "We were just talking about you ladies and how much you ladies meant to us, the bags of toiletries and the food kept us alive out there."

**THE LORD** is faithful to encourage us by these things and getting to see the demeanor of the women change before our eyes.

In Matthew 25:35-36 Jesus says, "...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me."

**THEN IN** Matthew 25:40 Jesus says, "And the King will answer and say to them... inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Society looks at these women as

the "least of these," the "unwanted," "untouchables," "the lost causes." But Jesus looks at each one of them as one He died for, as one He wants to see become His daughter.

**WE THANK** the Lord that we get to reach out to the "least of these" and tell them the good news that they can be delivered and find hope in Christ.

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## Outreach needs

**Clothing:** Women's small and medium new underwear; men's jeans, hoodies, T-shirts, and long-sleeve casual shirts.

**Other:** Drawstring bags found on our Amazon Wishlist. See details about Amazon Wishlist 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, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. For information, call (585) 472-4331.

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Some may not believe it but we tell them that the bar of soap or the wipe we have given to them to wash their hands is from Jesus: the One who can give them new life, eternal life, the One who can rescue them and set them free from their chains.

**WHEN THEY** drink the water we give them they know it was given in Jesus' name. Above all they know that when we roll down the window of the van that we are going to pray for them and for that minute or two that day they can feel safe and loved; loved by the One who created them.

Love In Christ,  
Anne Loria



*A servant reaches out in prayer to a woman in need at the table for Bibles and clothing at Lyell and Sherman.*

## God Speaks Through the City

Part 63: Romans 15:13  
By a servant in Christ

### Salvation brings joy to 2 hurting souls

**O**ver the years, The Father's Heart ministry has witnessed the lifting of many hands when street people are asked if they wish to go to heaven. Since all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, it is only through grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone that we are saved.

**SADLY, MANY** of the people who lift their hands when asked if they wish to go to heaven do not respond when asked if they wish to repent, to declare that Jesus is Lord, and to call upon His name for salvation. The story that follows shares how a man and a woman at North Clinton and Oakman passionately accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior with joy in their hearts.

As Pastor Russ asked people to lift their hands if they wanted to ask Christ to come into their hearts, a familiar man, "Juan," lifted his hand. Unlike other times that I had ministered to him, he seemed joyful and heartfelt, stating: "You know, after many years coming here I finally realized that you guys are like angels, bringing God's good news to us..."

**JUAN EXPRESSED** how guilt had kept him from coming to Jesus and repented of his sins and alcoholism. He proclaimed Jesus as his Lord and Savior and then said: "It's going to

be tough, but now Jesus is with me!"

I explained to Juan that he was now filled with the Holy Spirit and when in times of trouble he should seek out that "still small voice" to give him guidance and strength in his battles. "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit..." (Ephesians 5:17-18).

**JUAN LISTENED** attentively, looked me in the eye, and said something that caught me by surprise: "You know... from now on I will stay away from booze. If my addiction gets the

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### 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](http://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.**



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best of me and I drink, I will spit it out of my mouth with joy!"

**JUAN SAID** this with conviction, while using body language to convey spitting. I was left speechless by his commitment to change his ways. Juan, now guided by the Holy Spirit, had found a plan to deal with alcoholism even during times of weakness. "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way



*Prayer and praise to the Lord come together during the gospel message at North Clinton and Oakman.*

of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

**AFTER PRAYER** and encouragement we hugged, and Juan went through the line, getting groceries and a meal.

As I followed Juan through the line, I noticed a lady, "Emily," riding a bicycle down Clinton Avenue. She stopped to inquire about the ministry.

**TWO SERVANTS** and I explained that the ministry provides free food and clothing for those in need but, more importantly, we seek to share the good news of Jesus dying on the cross for our sins.

One of the servants led her through a prayer of repentance and salvation, which Emily said while stopping periodically because of intense weeping and tears in her eyes. It was a very touching moment for her and for all of us as we laid hands on her.

**WHEN EMILY** was done praying, she thanked and hugged us while wiping tears from her eyes.

After Emily went through the line for groceries, clothing, and a meal, she went toward Clinton Avenue with filled grocery bags hanging on her bicycle handlebars.

**AS SHE** stood at the corner, she waved at me to come over. When I approached her, Emily started crying again asking: "Why is this happening?"

I shared with her how God's love and grace had blessed her, but she continued to cry saying: "Shouldn't I be happy that God is with me, has forgiven my sins, and that I'm going to heaven? Why did I cry? Why am I still crying?"

**I EXPLAINED** to her that tears during prayer often reflect repentance, intimacy, and fear of the Lord, while

encouraging her by saying: "God knows your tears because He knows your heart."

**SUDDENLY, EMILY** looked upward, flashed a big smile while jumping up and down with joy yelling: "YES!! THANK YOU, JESUS!!" Emily then hugged me, got on her bicycle, waved goodbye, and went on her way rejoicing in the Lord.

It is hard to describe with words what happened that evening at Clinton and Oakman. Repentance, salvation, submission, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the joy of the Lord for Juan and Emily. Thank You, Jesus.

**ROMANS 15:13:** "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



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Thank you!