



A servant greets a man at the clothing and groceries table at Pinnacle Place apartments.

Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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We have witnessed God's precious gifts

2 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

"**NOT WILLING** that any." The Fa-

ther's Heart has been reaching out through the mobile kitchen since April 2011. Many people ask us, "Where is the fruit?", "How many have been saved?", and "Is it worth it?"

Our answer is yes, we see fruit; yes, we believe that many have come to the Lord by hearing His word preached and asking for prayer to receive Him as their Savior; and yes, it is 100 percent worth it.

THROUGHOUT THE years we have been blessed to see a man who was deaf from childhood be able to hear in front of our eyes. We have seen a woman who had thyroid cancer and was prayed for at an outreach come back to the ministry the next month and tell us that she was healed and her doctor said that the cancer was gone.

We have witnessed families tear

up time and time again when they receive groceries and a hot meal and they tell us, "We didn't know how we were going to eat today." We have witnessed smiles on many children's faces when we hand them an ice cream sundae with all the toppings for the first time.

WE HAVE received a testimony from those who came to an outreach because they saw a light over the place we were at. We have had the privilege to comfort many who have pulled over and asked for prayer due to a loss that just had occurred in their lives, and we have even been blessed to have them pull up a year later and thank us that we had prayed for them and given them a hug when they were in the valley of despair.

We have seen people raise their

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hands in worship to the King of Kings. We have been able to pray with many in addiction and send them to detoxes in hopes that the Chainbreaker would set them free.

BUT THE times that are so dear to us — the most precious gift — is when we get to witness a soul come to Jesus. When we see a man covered in cuts, who has been suicidal,

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 the 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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call out to Jesus for forgiveness and to be adopted into the family of God. When we have seen a prodigal come back home. When we have a person walk up to the truck and say, "A few years ago I was in this line. I was homeless and addicted and I accepted Jesus that day and now I have a home, I have a job, and I am no longer addicted, and I love Jesus!!!!"

LUKE 15:10 says, "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

So is it worth it? Definitely. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

DON'T GROW weary, saints. Keep pressing on; keep sharing Jesus. That is what we pray to do: that we stay strong and uncompromising at The Father's Heart ministry.

It is worth it; it truly is. Let's continue to have the angels rejoicing in heaven.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



Fresh groceries are offered during a ministry headquarters outreach.

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.

Seeking the lost, one soul at a time

Acts 26:18 says, "...to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."

That is our prayer, Lord. As we go out Mondays and Wednesdays to the women on the streets of Rochester our prayer is to open their eyes, pull them out of the pit and the ash heap, and rescue them.

ONE BY one women come to the van and time after time we pray with them. We anoint them with oil for physical healing, for a spiritual breakthrough. We pray as we drive away from them that the Lord will keep them safe and break the chains and show them His love.

The Lord seems to always give all of us volunteers a woman that He

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puts on our hearts. Most of the time we all have a different woman who broke our hearts that week, or that we can't stop picturing her face as we prayed and pulled away from the street corner.

ONE WOMAN in particular stayed with me recently. Her name is "Kat." She is such a beautiful woman, with her whole life ahead of her.

As we prayed for her she wanted a Bible and she was so close to wanting to get off the streets. She found it amazing that we would take the time to do this for the women.

SHE WAS in tears the whole time and wanted prayer for strength, and safety, and other things. But she stayed in my mind for a while.

Later that day as I was driving down Lyell Avenue I saw her. She was sitting under an awning, reading the Bible we gave her.



People wait for a hot meal from the food truck on North Clinton Avenue.



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Thank you!

We know the word doesn't return void. Please pray for her; the Lord knows her name. Pray that He would do a miracle and set her free.

WE RECENTLY had a videographer with us working on a video for our fundraiser and some of the women gave permission to be interviewed and recorded as they talked about what Redeeming Love has done for them. Some said they love the food, some said they provide us with toiletries and food; many, though, said, "They love us."

But there were two things they said that stuck out more than anything, and they were, "They remem-

ber us," and "They keep us alive out here on the streets."

ALIVE, AND we remember. Two powerful things that we pray they grasp. We pray that they know, as we say to them week after week, that it is the Lord who is providing for them and preserving them, and that it is the love of Jesus that sends us out to them.

On the mobile food truck, we go out and we gather a crowd, and we preach a message and we individually pray for people who request prayer. But at Redeeming Love we drive up and down the side streets, and even alleys.

WHY? TO find them, to find the lost sheep, because they are precious in His sight. Each one is a soul who needs to come to Jesus.

We pray that He directs and guides the van as we go out there and we ask that you pray for us as we do. For in Luke 15:3-7 it says, "So He spoke this parable to them saying: "What man of you having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

"AND WHEN he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!" I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

Our prayer is that we keep finding that one, one at a time, and bring them home to the One who welcomes them as their loving Father and Redeemer.

Love In Christ,
Anne Loria

God Speaks Through the City

Part 63: Psalm 90:1-2

By a servant in Christ

Helping the homeless find a dwelling place

Sadly, our outreach locations are often plagued by drug activity, prostitution, crime, unbelief, and homelessness. The Father's Heart and the Redeeming Love ministry seek to support those afflicted with these troubles by providing them food, clothing, prayer, and the word of God.

Not surprisingly, homelessness is a common affliction we witness in our ministry, given that in 2023 New York State had the highest per capita



Pastor Dan Astuto Jr. shares the gospel at a ministry headquarters outreach.

homelessness rate of all states in the nation. Making things worse, homelessness in Rochester is on the rise, experiencing an increase of 37 percent in 2023, attributed to factors such as higher cost of housing, inflation, unemployment, drug addiction, and mental illness.

BEING HOMELESS in Rochester is very difficult, especially given the city's high crime rate and cold winters. A lady at a St. Paul Street outreach once shared that when it was cold and snowing, she slept under cars in a parking lot across the street from Andrews Terrace apartments.

Other homeless people, including military veterans, have expressed the desire to be in Florida, given its milder winters and lower crime rate.

PEOPLE AT times are evicted from their homes by family members for not paying rent, drug addiction, abuse, or other conflicts. A testimony of such a conflict shared by a young lady, "Rachel," at our Lake Avenue headquarters involved an argument about her deceased father who was hated by her mother.

DURING THE heated argument, her mother spitefully flushed the ashes of Rachel's father's down the toilet. The police eventually were called, and Rachel was evicted without being able to take any food, clothing, her purse, or even her driver's license.

We lovingly fed Rachel with the word of God, food, clothing, plastic silverware, and personal care products. She was thankful for what she received but unfortunately, was not receptive to growing in her faith.

A FEW weeks later, also at headquarters, history seemed to repeat itself as a young homeless man begged for shoes, clothing, and food after being evicted from his home. As "Michael" chose clothing and shoes from a table, he expressed gratitude for The Father's Heart ministry providing for his needs.

After we developed a connection with him, Michael shared a difficult testimony about his eviction from his home and the negative impact homelessness has had on his life.

LIFE IN the streets had been very

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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 way you can get involved! For more details, please check out our Amazon Wishlist on the homepage of our website:

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difficult for Michael, being subject to hunger, lack of clothing, and violence.

MICHAEL PULLED up his pants leg to show me a wound wrapped in cloth while describing how he was shot in the calf while running away from a shooter.

As we continued our discussion, a gentleman approached us and began to listen to our conversation. After a few minutes, "Jim" said: "I face similar circumstances. If it weren't for the Lord, I would be a wreck, but He is with me..."

MICHAEL AND I became quiet as Jim shared his testimony: "I was a tattoo artist for all my adult life but something tragic happened. My right hand developed a serious disease

and became totally useless for my job." He then showed us his right hand which was badly deformed.

"As things progressed," he added, "I lost the ability to do my job and wound up without income. I did not find a way of making money and became homeless, but Jesus is with me... Young man, never forget to have Jesus in your heart. He will provide you a Godly home."

AS JESUS said in John 14:23: "...If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

Jim hoped his testimony would impact Michael, and it certainly did. Michael stated that he would give his life to the Lord and put his trust in Him. Jim's comfort during his trials and tribulations resulting from his faith in Jesus was powerful. I was in awe of God's providence bringing Jim at this exact time and place for his ministering to Michael.

"BLESSED BE the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

The Bible is very clear about how we should help the poor and homeless. Deuteronomy 15:11: "For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'" The Father's Heart provides groceries, clothing, and meals to meet very important physical needs of people we meet in the streets.

HAVING BEEN blessed by Michael and Jim, our ministry strives to have people we meet receive prayer, proclaim that Jesus is Lord, and grow in their faith. Faith and a relationship with God transcend homelessness and all earthly problems, giving a home to the weak and renewing their strength.

Psalm 90:1-2: "Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."



A hot meal is served.

Outreach needs

Clothing: New underwear for women, new socks for men and women, and men's winter clothing

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