



Praying in the cold and snow at the headquarters on Lake Avenue.

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'll use a shed to reach the lost

Boy, has this winter been a cold one! Many of you are aware of the mobile food truck, but the Lord is doing an exciting new thing at the ministry the past several months.

We have shared a little bit about it in previous newsletters. Many peo-

ple are now coming to our headquarters on Lake Avenue, day in and day out, wanting soup from the "Soup Pastor," Russ. He has been cooking up what some say is "the best soup ever" daily when the ministry is open.

THROUGH THIS we have prayed with many for strength to be set free from the addiction that they are in chains to. We have prayed for healing from illness.

A few times men have come up to the headquarters and asked for prayer and help as they were battling with depression and suicidal thoughts. We were able to sit with them and pray with them while we waited for medical help to come.

WE HAVE even been able to pray for the salvation of some. They have been redeemed.

JUST RECENTLY we had a man named "Ted" who had been coming to the ministry for soup and prayer, and we had prayed with him to receive the Lord. He walked up to Russ recently and said, "Your ministry changed my life."

He is free from addiction, is off the streets, and has a job. Most importantly he now has the promise of eternal life through Jesus.

THEN ALSO recently a homeless woman who was trapped in addiction stopped by to thank the ministry for feeding her when she had no food; clothing her when she had no clean clothes, and most importantly praying for her.

As she said, "This ministry got me through those hard times." She is now sober and no longer homeless and is doing well.

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We have developed relationships with many who have come and knocked on the back door. We know their names, and we share with them that Jesus knows them too and cares for them and loves

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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them with that everlasting love that they are all searching for.

WE SHARE all of this to announce that we have a new part of the ministry: a shed that was placed in the back parking lot at Lake Avenue in January.

Lord willing we will have it operational by mid-March. Through this shed we hope to be able to continue serving soup or a hot meal, giving snacks and a beverage along with clothing.

IT IS our heart that this shed will become a one-on-one ministry. We hope that we will be able to continue to get to know these individuals more and be a light and a voice of truth in the darkness that is out here on the streets of Rochester.

The harvest is great, and we are praying that the Lord would provide all the laborers we need for this new branch. The shed will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

THE HOURS are to be determined but will most likely be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

We will have that shed manned with individuals who can minister to the people one on one as they come up to get a meal.

SO, IF you are interested in volunteering in this area please go to our website and fill out the volunteer application online and list on there that you are interested in volunteering at our headquarters through the shed.

We will have to come up with a name for it but for now we are calling it "the shed." We ask above all that you pray for this new part of The Father's Heart, that many would come to know Jesus through it and that we would be a light in the darkness more than ever before in 2025.

God bless,

Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



Fresh groceries are always available at The Father's Heart outreaches.

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.

Please pray that we don't say 'no'

In Matthew 8:28-34 we see that Jesus came across two demon-possessed men. In 8:30-34 it says, "Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, 'If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.'" "AND HE said to them, 'Go.' So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

"Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region."

I THOUGHT on that scripture; how the people were afraid and probably wondering, who was this that



The bread table on Lyell Avenue.

cast out demons? What if they had asked Jesus to stay? Would that city have seen more than just demons being cast out? They most likely would have seen healings and many more miracles, and would have heard Jesus speak the word of God, the truth.

THIS SCRIPTURE also makes me ask, "How many things do I miss out on from you, Lord, because of fears?"

To turn to the ministry Redeeming Love, how many women out there miss their opportunity because they are afraid of life without drugs?

THEY ARE afraid of what the Lord can do in their life. The enemy has them in fear and trapped in a lie that they aren't worth anything, that their life will never be good, and that they won't amount to anything in this world.

Many of the women let us pray for them, or for their family and kids, but there are some who don't. Some give reasons like, "I don't have time today," or "I don't believe in God," or some say, "I am angry with God."

WE TELL them in return that we pray for them anyway when we drive away, and that many women are praying for them daily as we send out the prayer requests by email and texts to those who have a heart to pray for these women individually.

We try to speak scriptures and truth into their lives as we know it won't return void. But I can't help but wonder that if their fear would be removed what a mighty work of His spirit could occur in each one of their lives.

I WANT Rochester to not be like the city in Matthew 8 that asks Jesus to leave, but I want our city to ask Jesus to come, to stay, and to do the miracle; to see the Holy Spirit move like never before. To see our city have a revival and the lost be found.

I also want to be set free from my fears. I want to not say "no" to going anywhere that the Lord wants

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Thank you!

me to go to meet a woman and tell her about the Good News found in Jesus.

PLEASE PRAY for us, the volunteers, to be led by and be sensitive to the Spirit of God so that we never say "no," or don't allow the Lord to direct us due to our fears but to be filled with peace and His spirit more than ever before so that we get to see a mighty work of the Lord and never miss out on a miracle that He wants to do.

I ask also that you pray for continued wisdom and direction as this branch of The Father's Heart grows. Starting in April we will be going out with Redeeming Love from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturday. Yes, the food truck will also still be going out.

IF YOU are interested in coming out with the Redeeming Love branch one of those weekends, please fill out our application on our website: www.thefathersheartoc.org Click on "serve" and scroll down to the Redeeming Love application.

The Lord wants to expand His Kingdom. May His Kingdom come, and His will be done.

Love in Christ,
Anne Loria

Outreach needs

Clothing: New underwear for men and women and winter gloves for men and woman. Men's jeans and hoodies or sweatshirts.

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, 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.



At left, a bag of groceries is packed. At right, packages of fresh vegetables are available to take home.



God Speaks Through the City

Part 66: Romans 12:10-13
By a servant in Christ

As soon as they met, they were brothers

Servants of The Father's Heart ministry are blessed when we share the love of Jesus with people we meet in the streets. Although there is great need for groceries, meals, and clothing in these neighborhoods, the greatest need in the city is the grace of God that brings salvation.

THE STORY that follows took place at a Walgreens parking lot on the corner of Brown and Main and reveals how the Lord finds ways to lovingly connect us with street people. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34).

While Pastor Russ was sharing God's message of salvation, I noticed a man standing in line next to a lady, with his head bowed down while trembling. The reason for his trembling was not clear so I approached him to better understand what was going on.

WHEN I stood next to him, I realized that "Deion" was responding to the word of God as his body shook with tears in his eyes. To comfort him I put my arm around his shoulder, saying: "God is blessing you ..."

Deion reacted emotionally, turned toward me, and gave me a long hug with a smile on his face.

AFTER PASTOR Russ concluded his message, Deion asked me about the ministry, expressing the impact it had on him: "I have always known about Jesus, but now Jesus is within me! Thank you for making this happen!"

He introduced me to his girlfriend and spoke about the hardships he has gone through. The conversation became more and more personal as we both shared our testimonies and the impact Jesus can have in

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our lives. As the line moved toward the groceries and meals, Deion continued to tell his story saying: "I have never been this open about my past ... Jesus has come into my life and forgiven me!"

WHEN DEION got to the mobile kitchen, he was prayed for by ministry servants and handed a Chick-fil-A meal we were serving. Deion flashed a big smile saying: "Thank you for the prayers, meal, and groceries! But I would like something special ... I don't have a Bible. Can I have one?"

We walked over to a table and Deion joyfully took a Bible along with other Christian material. In spite of his hands being full, he still reached out for a hug, continuing to express his gratitude for The Father's Heart.

AFTER THE tight hug, Deion started



A tent shelters the grocery table during a cold winter's rain.

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:

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!

walking away but then stopped in his tracks and approached me again saying: "I want to tell you something ... I just met you, but it feels as if I have known you all of my life. Jesus connected us as family. We're not even the same race but you are now my brother. I love you ..."

I WAS so moved by his words that I took the lead, reaching out to him for a tight hug. It was clear to me that Deion had the Lord in his heart, as I felt my own heart beating while we hugged. We both expressed how much we loved each other, weeping tears of joy.

After Deion left, a fellow servant who had witnessed our interaction asked me how I knew him. My response was: "I just met him here about half an hour ago, but it feels as if I have known him all my life ..."

THANKS TO Jesus, I have a new brother in the Lord. I will never forget that day at Brown and Main when my family grew by one member. We normally define our families by DNA and ancestry, but the blood of Jesus brings believers together as a family.

Lord, please open our hearts as we minister to people in the streets, showing them brotherly love while being steadfast in prayer and rejoicing in Your hope.

ROMANS 12:10-13: "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality."