



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.' "



Two servants of the Lord pray with a woman at Andrews Terrace apartments

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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Let's reach out in the name of Jesus

We want to take this opportunity to introduce you to "The Soup and Savior Shed," a new branch of The Father's Heart ministry. You may be asking, "What is the shed all about?"

Well, the Lord was bringing many

people on a daily basis from the streets to the headquarters house on Lake Avenue for whatever soup Russ had prepared for them that day, as we have talked about in a previous newsletter. Because of this we decided to put a shed on the property at Lake Avenue that will be open for now on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from about 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS IN the shed will offer those who come a bowl of soup, coffee or a beverage, plus snacks and clothing. Most importantly the volunteers will have an opportunity to minister one-to-one with individuals who are hurting and in need.

We want everyone who comes up to this shed to be prayed for and ministered to and to hear about Jesus.

One of the ministry's favorite

verses is Matthew 25:35-36: "... 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."

THROUGH THE shed ministry, just like The Father's Heart mobile kitchen and Redeeming Love, we want to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and pray for healing for the sick. We want to give the body of Christ an opportunity to be His hands and feet just like it goes on to say in Matthew 25:40: "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' "

Let's be His hands and feet together Let's hand people a meal in the name

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of Jesus to show them He is their provider, and let's pray with them so they can see that our God is a God of compassion, and let's tell them about a man named Jesus, the Savior of the world, who loves them and died for them and came to give them eternal life for all those who believe on Him.

LET'S SEE our city transformed for Jesus one by one at the shed on Lake Avenue.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

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.

Finding our rest in the Lord's word

Genesis 16:13 says, "Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, 'Have I also here seen Him who sees me?'"

THE REDEEMING Love ministry just had its second annual women's retreat the last weekend of May at LeTourneau Christian Center. Our theme this year was "The God who Sees."

It was an amazing weekend with more than 35 women in attendance. Many volunteers made donations that allowed us to have six women to attend from The Door of Hope in Rochester, a Christian-based home that provides a safe and supportive housing environment for women. Some of The Door of Hope's volunteers also attended.

WE SPENT time in the word of God and had teachings on how God sees us in our walk and service to Him, how God sees us in

our pain, and how God sees them and will continue to see us.

One woman shared her testimony on how God saw her even when she didn't know Him.

IT WAS a weekend full of laughter and tears, a time to encourage and lift up each other, a time to hear our

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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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Unless noted otherwise, all scripture in the newsletter is from the New King James Version.

How to volunteer

If you feel called to this part of The Father's Heart ministry please go to our website:

www.thefathersheartroc.org

Once on the website click on the tab "Get Involved" at the top of the page. From there scroll down to "Sign-Up to Serve" and you will be directed on what to do and how to sign up.

For all those interested in volunteering in any area of the ministry this is a new method of signing up to be involved in any of the areas, whether it is the mobile kitchen, Redeeming Love, or The Soup and Savior Shed ministry.

So please follow the instructions on our website. You will be asked to fill out an application and then you will get an email that you are approved to sign up for that area of ministry you are interested in getting involved with.

Thank you for your patience as this is a new program but will make things MUCH easier than the three schedules we have now.

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stories and share on times that we knew God saw us.

THAT IS our heart at Redeeming Love when we travel the streets of Rochester and pull up to women we know are addicted or exploited. Even if we only get to meet them one time or if we have an ongoing relationship with them, we want them to know that they aren't forgotten, that they are seen by their Creator.

There are countless times that we encounter women and they say, "You ladies got here just in time," or "I haven't eaten in a few days," or "How did you know that is what I needed prayer for?" We can tell them it is because there is a God who sees, and He sent us to show them that He does see, and He does care.

SCRIPTURE SAYS that He has numbered the hairs on our head, and because His eye is on the sparrow, how much more are His eyes on us.

Sometimes as the volunteers go home from the outreaches we are discouraged. But if we remember



Women prayed in small groups during the Redeeming Love retreat.

His promises — that He is seeing the women and will care for them — we can find rest in knowing that His word is true and He never fails. He truly does see them.

WE CAN continue to pray that by our volunteers going out week after week to those who feel unseen and forgotten, that one day they come to know about the God who sent His son Jesus to die for their sins.

They will know that if they believe in Jesus and surrender their lives to Him, they can rest in knowing that when they pass from this earth they will see the One Who their eyes were made to see and Who has seen them their whole life.

THAT IS our prayer and what was shared at the retreat. We want them and all of us to realize just like Job said in Job 42:5: "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You." Help us, Lord, to see that You see them.

Love in Christ,
Anne Loria

God Speaks Through the City

Part 68: Matthew 28:19-20
By a servant in Christ

Making disciples one poem at a time

As a servant of The Father's Heart, over time I have developed a "routine" at outreaches involving setting up tables and then reaching out to people in the neighborhoods.

Following routines brings order and structure to the ministry, but as the Lord states in Isaiah 43:19: "Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

The story that follows involves an inspiring gift from God that was totally unexpected.

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Outreach needs

Clothing: New underwear for men and women, especially small and medium sizes.

For newly purchased items, please consider making the purchase through Amazon Wishlist. See the Amazon Wishlist box on Page 4. 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.



We're always happy to see law enforcement officers visit outreaches.

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After helping to set up tables at the outreach, I went for a walk and crossed paths with a young man named Deon. I invited him to join us, offering him free food, prayer, and the word of God. We started a conversation, and with conviction Deon shared his faith in Jesus and passion for writing poetry.

I ASKED Deon for an example of his poetry, and he proceeded to recite a poem. I was in awe of the poem and his passion for the Lord. We continued our conversation, and Deon recited two more poems, leaving me speechless.

I asked him if he would like to join our outreach and share his poems with ministry servants. Deon was receptive and we walked to the outreach. After introductions, he proceeded to recite yet another beautiful poem that I had not heard.

DURING OUR fellowship, I noticed that the well-known poet and broth-



A servant hands a bag of groceries to a woman at Pinnacle Place apartments.

er in the Lord, Marvin T. Adams, had just arrived at the outreach. If you don't know Marvin, he is known as Rochester's "poet-evangelist" who shares his poems of faith with people he meets.

BEING AN author of hundreds of poems, he blesses me and many others by texting us his poems several times a week. I introduced Deon to Marvin and not surprisingly they made a strong connection.

I pondered on the "coincidence" of having both Deon and Marvin at a Father's Heart outreach. The odds of this happening by chance were nil, which made me reflect on God's sovereignty and providence.

WHY THE poetry theme? Large portions of the Bible (especially the Old Testament, for example, the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes) are poetic, written in couplets, thereby achieving profound emotional connections with readers.

Why did the Lord make this poetry connection with The Father's Heart? Evangelism and poetry can go hand in hand, as shared in Marvin's poem "It's About That Time."

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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:

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!



To donate to The Father's Heart through PayPal, please go to thefathersheartroc.org and click the "Contact/Donate" tab for the PayPal icon. If you want a receipt, include your address on the optional address line and a receipt will be prepared for you.

Thank you!

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It's About That Time

Marvin T. Adams

<i>We're not just here to jump and shout</i>	
<i>We have a job to do</i>	
<i>It's time, it's time to reach the lost</i>	
<i>And Christ is calling you</i>	<i>Matthew 28:19-20</i>
<i>Do you not know what time it is</i>	
<i>And can't you see the signs</i>	<i>Luke 21:29-31</i>
<i>It's time my friend to seek the lost</i>	
<i>When Christ removes the blinds</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 4:4</i>
<i>Remember when Christ came to you</i>	
<i>When you were in your sin</i>	<i>Romans 5:8</i>
<i>Not only did He give His life</i>	<i>John 3:16</i>
<i>But gave us hope again</i>	
<i>It's time to come to Christ this day</i>	
<i>For one day life will end</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:27</i>
<i>Behold the Lord is at the door</i>	<i>Revelation 3:20</i>
<i>When will you let Him in</i>	
<i>Whose side are you leaning on</i>	<i>Exodus 32:26</i>
<i>Be sure you count the cost</i>	<i>Luke 14:28-30</i>
<i>Come now, come now in Jesus' name</i>	
<i>Before thy soul is lost</i>	

NOTE THAT the Biblical reference Marvin associates with the first stanza of the poem is The Great Commission as ordained by Jesus in His final words to the disciples: " '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).

THANK YOU, Lord, for connecting Deon and Marvin to The Father's Heart ministry. May You continue to bless them as they share Your glory through their heartfelt poetry.