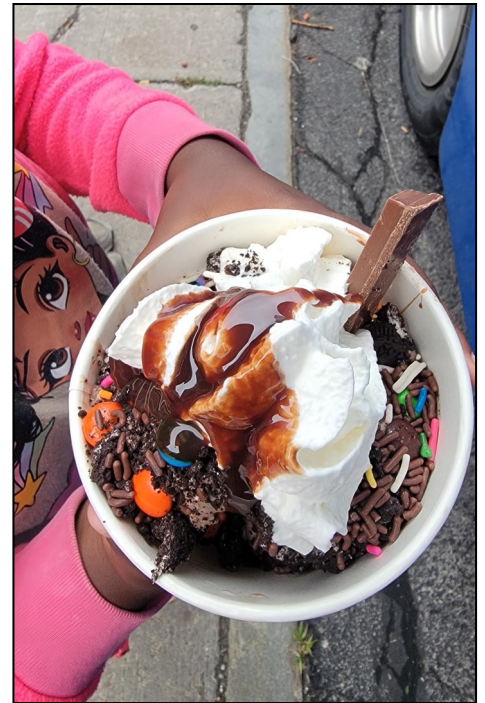




*Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I; send me."*



*A little girl with her big ice cream sundae at the Kids Club outreach.*

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

The Father's Heart: established April 30, 2011



## A busy summer, but a blessed one

It was a busy summer at The Father's Heart. It flew by, and we can't believe we are already in September.

Many of our outreaches are growing bigger, the need is greater, and we are blown away by how the

Lord keeps providing for the ministry.

**THROUGHOUT THE** summer we had our Kids Club in the park next to Edgerton Community Center and it was such a blessing.

We had Erin C. with Open Air Campaigners and Julio P. with Wakem-Up Ministry do great Bible teachings and activities with the kids and each week the ministry was able to bless the kids with ice cream.

The Lord provided backpacks with school supplies so at our final club on August 20 we gave out more than 35 backpacks, along with an ice cream sundae with all the toppings. The kids loved it!

**IT WAS** such a blessing to see the kids smile when they got the big sundaes, and for us to share that Jesus loves them.

**PLEASE PRAY** for these kids as many of them come from broken families. One mom came up to us that day and thanked us for blessing her kids because they are homeless and living out of their car, and she stated it meant so much to them.

In Matthew 5:16 Jesus says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." We pray that throughout the summer this program glorified God and pointed them to Jesus.

**WE ALSO** started The Soup and The Savior Shed Wednesdays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On those days many have come up one by one and received a meal, snacks, clothing and above all prayer.

We have come to love the "regulars" who come up and we

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look at them as our own kids, and time and time again we can't help but think they are someone's child.

**WILL YOU** pray that they become God's child? That they would lay their addictions, hurt, and pain at the foot of the cross and follow Him?

We need volunteers for the shed. If you feel led you can fill out an application on the ministry website,

### 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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Once on the website click on the Get Involved Tab and then Sign-Up to Serve and that will take you through the process to volunteer.

**WE DO** have a prayer request, though, as we are starting a few new outreach locations, and we ask for prayer for these. One is at 4th and Peck streets on the fourth Saturday of the month, and another at Danforth Towers on the first Friday of the month. Please pray that the Lord brings the people and that

He will be glorified and that we are a light in these new neighborhoods.

**WE ALSO** need prayer for a new location for our outreach on the fourth Thursday of the month as we can no longer go to Brown and Main. Pray that Jesus would lead us and direct us in the way the ministry should go. We want to be in His perfect will. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



*Clockwise from top, a long line for food, a family receives prayer, and a van from Caring Choices Pregnancy Help Community. The Father's Heart is proud to stand in Jesus' name with Caring Choices, which provides women with alternatives to abortion. See their website at [www.caringchoicesphc.com](http://www.caringchoicesphc.com)*



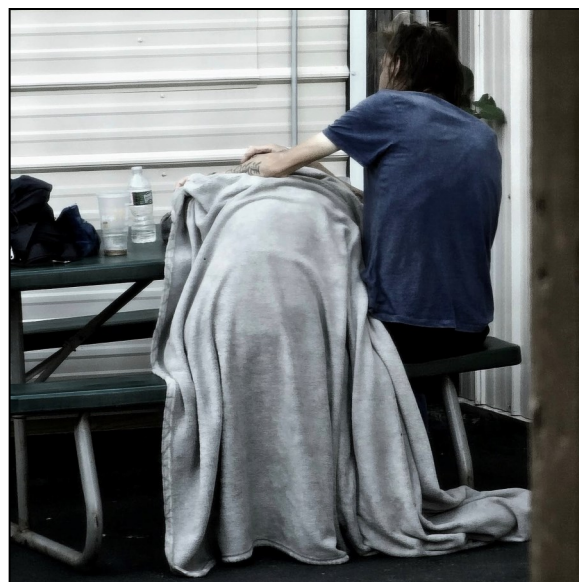
## Redeeming Love

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.*

*The drug-ravaged couple at right came to an outreach, seeking help. Pastor Russ says: "The reality of addiction. Many and I mean many of these kids come from good families. One wrong choice can mess up a whole generation of a family. Please pray for these two beautiful people who God loves so much. I have had many talks with them about the Lord!"*



## Lost to addiction, but not unloved

**E**cclasiastes 3:1,4 says, "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ... A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance."

**REDEEMING LOVE** has had those times — times of rejoicing and weeping — these past few months. We unfortunately lost at least two women, maybe more, to addiction.

We went their funeral or their candlelight vigils and shared with their families how their family member loved them and how, when we asked them if they wanted prayer, they always would ask for prayer for their families.

**IT BREAKS** my heart to think about the lives lost to addiction, of the mothers or fathers, siblings, or kids who weep for the life lost, and who question "What if?" or "If only."

We pray that through the ministry

we offered them a little comfort by showing up and telling them that they really were loved by their loved ones and that people were praying for them.

**JESUS IS** near to the broken-hearted and the crushed in spirit. God is sustaining us through these losses and our prayer is that they called out to Jesus, and they are no longer suffering but rejoicing in the presence of their Savior, Jesus.

We also had many times of rejoicing the past few months. One of the women who has been off the streets and sober for more than two years is expecting a child in October!!! Redeeming Love, with a few others, put on a baby shower and it was so awesome to stand back and see what the Lord has done and is doing; that a new life will soon be here.

**ANOTHER GIRL** who is doing well and has been sober for more than two years is now working. Two women who are off the streets got baptized and others are in rehab and transitional housing, and are clean and sober.

One girl who has been sober for 11 months told me just the other day

that, "You women in the van inspired me to go into treatment; you made me feel that I could do it."

All I can say is, "Thank you, Jesus!!!! Praise You, Jesus!!!!" He is making beauty from ashes; He is restoring.

**BE ENCOURAGED**, saints. He has the victory and we have only just begun to see the miracles that He is going to do in these women. He will not give up on them, and Jesus in us won't give up on them either.

Love in Christ,  
Anne Loria

## Outreach needs

**Clothing:** New underwear for men and women.

**Spiritual:** Kids' Bible books.

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.

## God Speaks Through the City

Part 69: Psalm 145:14-19

By a servant in Christ

### Meeting the lost where they are

**T**he Father's Heart outreaches often expose servants to difficult situations that troubled souls experience in the streets of Rochester. Problems with drugs, prostitution, crime, domestic abuse, hunger, and homelessness are often shared as testimonies by street people when we connect with them.

**MORE OFTEN** than not, servants gain an appreciation for how we are blessed by Jesus as He provides us His love, salvation, and protection.



To donate to The Father's Heart through PayPal, please go to [thefathersheartroc.org](http://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!



*At left, servants pray before an outreach. At right, distributing groceries.*



The story that follows involves a very troubled lady who attended our outreach seeking food, compassion, and the comfort that only God can provide. "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

**AS THE** line for groceries was coming to an end, I noticed a lady with her hand on her face weeping and shaking. As she approached me, I offered her bread, bagels, and pastries but she could barely talk as she cried while holding her bag with groceries.

I tried to connect with "Emily," offering prayer, and she nodded her head saying "Yes" while her crying intensified. I walked around the table, having another servant take over the bread section, and asked Emily how I could pray for her.

**SHE RESPONDED,** "Everything in my life is a mess ... see those buildings on the corner? I am homeless and sleep between two of them ..." As I started to pray, she stopped me saying "... wait, there is more ..."

While weeping, she shared with anxiety other troubles in addition to her homelessness. Her testimony was so compelling that it touched

my heart, and I also began to weep as I prayed for her.

**EMILY WAS** touched with the prayer and after accepting Jesus in her heart, she approached me, giving me a hug. "Thank you for the prayer, thank you for listening, and for the food. You guys are a blessing to me, strengthening my faith and feeding me with food and Jesus. Bless you."

**WE CONTINUED** our discussion as she headed to the truck for a meal

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*People check the clothing table.*



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while expressing her appreciation for The Father's Heart. I told her I would be praying for her, gave her an outreach schedule, and attempted to connect her with ladies in the ministry.

**AFTER EMILY** received her meal, she continued to thank servants in the ministry including sister Anne, who was handing out meals.

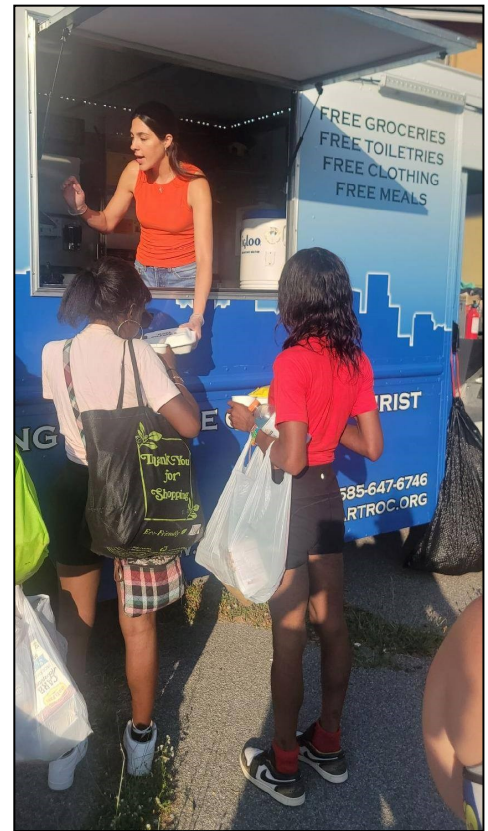
Although Emily's homelessness and situation are common with people we encounter, her weeping and openness explaining her trials motivated relevant prayer addressing her hardships. As I reflected on what had happened, I wondered if my own weeping affected my ability to minister and pray for her.

**IN RETROSPECT**, it seemed that my connection with Emily was enhanced when she noticed my weeping for her as explained by Romans 12:15-16: "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."

**EMILY'S EXPERIENCE** reveals how critical it is for The Father's Heart to be out in the streets, not only providing food and the gospel, but also encouragement and prayer. If I had met Emily at a church, she would not have been able to point to the specific location where she sleeps or describe other difficult issues associated with her life in the neighborhood.

I continue to pray for Emily and her troubles, hoping as Psalm 126:5 states: "Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy." Our Lord hears our cries and saves those who call upon Him.

**PSALM 145:14-19:** "The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them."



*Hot meals are served.*



*The line for groceries is always busy at every outreach.*

## 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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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!