



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 brother in the Lord prepares a hot meal in the mobile soup kitchen.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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God sees the need and He is providing

We want to testify of how good God is. He is mighty to save, He is the Provider of all things, and He is the Healer, Restorer, and above all our Savior.

In the beginning of the year, the Lord gave us the verse of Psalm

27:13: "I would have lost heart unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living."

WE HAVE seen this all year and heard of His goodness, and we want to encourage you all that the Lord is moving. We see it on college campuses and among the youth, but we don't hear so much about it in our city of Rochester.

But we want to encourage all of you who are reading this article and all those who pray or donate to The Father's Heart. The Lord is doing a mighty work.

A FEW of the men who were on the streets are now off the streets and are doing great. One man is in rehab and has been sober for quite some time now. His good friend also is sober and is home and doing well.

ANOTHER GENTLEMAN who would come for soup every day has been sober for more than a year and is off the streets. He came back to visit us a few times and thanked us for always being there for him and praying for him.

Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

WE WANT to testify not only how the Lord continues to provide for the ministry, but how He provides for those who aren't always seen by people.

We have one woman who has been coming to outreaches for years and to our Lake Avenue headquarters for food, a hot meal, and clothing. She always asks for prayer as she loves Jesus.

Well, a volunteer with the ministry

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said that another organization he volunteered for, Wheelchairs for Africa, would be able to donate an electric wheelchair for her as hers wasn't working anymore. God saw her need, and He provided.

WE PRAISE the God who sees, El Roi. We praise Him for being that God who knows us so intimately. He knows even before we ask.

We thank you for being His hands and feet, for the prayers, and for your donations. Through you all He provides, and we can't tell you or even begin to see what all it has done for His kingdom.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



A servant prays with two women.

Thanksgiving, Christmas outreaches draw near

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreaches are fast approaching. Both outreaches are full for volunteers, so no volunteers are needed at this time. But you can help by donating a bag full of all the fixings to go with the turkeys and/or hams that we give out at both outreaches.

We ask that the fixings be packed if possible in a strong, reusable bag and would include all the sides that you would like with your meal, such as stuffing mix, canned green beans, corn, and sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, mac & cheese, gravy mix, and a dessert, such as brownie mix. Please, no refrigerated or perishable items.

All bags can be dropped off at 678 Lake Avenue on the below dates:

For our Thanksgiving outreach:

Monday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Thursday, November 20 or Friday, November 21 from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

For our Christmas outreach:

Monday, December 15 or Wednesday, December 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Thursday, December 18 or Friday, December 19 from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

We will also be adding toys to our Amazon Wishlist, which can be found on our website www.thefathersheartroc.org after November 24. These gifts will be given to the kids at Edgerton Community Center at our annual Christmas party in December.

Thank you in advance for your donations. You are such a blessing and we pray that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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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Live worship is offered during an outreach at ministry headquarters.

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.

Mariah chose life and God responded

We are celebrating new life at the Redeeming Love branch of The Father's Heart ministry.

Psalm 33:15 says, "He fashions their hearts individually" and Psalm 139:14 says, "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."

ON OCTOBER 2, little Ezariah was born. Ezariah's mom is Mariah. More than two years ago Mariah was on the streets in active addiction, but

today she is 30 months clean. She became a child of God and was baptized, has her own apartment, and now has a precious little gift.

MARIAH CHOSE life, and for that we praise God. Today we rest and find hope in this testimony.

We are encouraged for all the toiletry bags and all the sandwiches and snacks that were provided for women like her. Above all, we are encouraged by all the prayers for them that do not return void. Mariah is living proof of that.

THE LORD is the Restorer of all things. We have been able to watch and see this in Mariah and a few other women.

We want to encourage all of you to pray for these women on the streets. We know that there is hope, that we don't despair, and that we aren't crushed because we see the fruit. We are seeing the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

SO PLEASE continue to pray without ceasing for the lost to be found, for the brokenhearted to be healed, and for the Lord to fall upon the city of Rochester, New York. Let's praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

Love in Christ,
Anne Loria

God Speaks Through the City

Part 70: Luke 6:37-38

By a servant in Christ

He expected hypocrisy but found compassion

A recent study found that the vast majority of U.S. non-Christian young adults view Christians as being judgmental and hypocritical. Based on personal experience, issues such as Christians' views on homosexuality, heaven and hell, premarital sex, and abortion are often cited as bases for this position.

A common argument used by some is: If "God is love" (1 John 4:8), why

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Thank you!

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are Christians so judgmental of others? As Christians we must follow the word of God and not condone sinful behavior, while showing grace toward others as we look in the mirror; "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

THE STORY that follows describes an interaction with a critical young man at North Clinton and Oakman who came to the outreach to condemn our sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Shortly after food and clothing were placed on tables, I walked across Clinton Avenue and started reaching out to people. When I approached a young man, "Bo," inviting him to join the ministry to hear the word of God and be blessed with a meal and groceries, he stopped dead in his tracks, looked at me face to face, and inquired, "YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN??"

WHEN I answered that, "Yes, I am a Christian," he seemed indignant, telling me: "How can you consider



Fresh groceries are available.



Above, groceries are distributed at Andrews Terrace apartments. At right, a hot meal is served at Keeler Park apartments.

to give away food and 'love'? ALL YOU GUYS DO IS CONDEMN OTHERS!"

As I tried to explain that The Father's Heart ministry wishes to share not only food and clothing but the love of Jesus with those in need, he continued to rebuke me, expressing his negative views of Christians. Given Bo's animosity towards me and Christians, I told him that Jesus loves him and started walking away.

HE THEN grabbed me by the shoulder while saying: "Tell you what ... I am going to cross the street and check you guys out. I'm sure that I won't be surprised."

As we crossed the street, Pastor Russ was beginning to preach the message, which put a sarcastic smile on Bo. He said, "This will be interesting. Tell you what ... I am going to record his 'speech' and post it online to share your Christian condemnation with others. Are you going to stop me?"

I TOLD him to go ahead, saying that what he hears may surprise him and others he shares the video



with. Bo smiled sarcastically and began to record a video of Pastor Russ' powerful message.

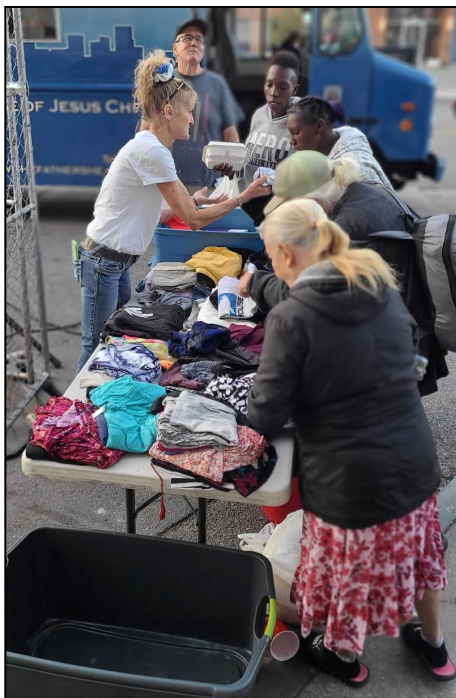
Bo became quiet as he listened and recorded the message. He seemed dumbfounded as Pastor Russ shared how Jesus loves us and gave His life on the cross to forgive our sins. The message included a testimony of Pastor Russ as a former drug addict and how Jesus set him free of his drug addiction.

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Outreach needs

Clothing: New underwear for men and women, and men's jeans, sweatshirts, and shirts.

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, people check the clothing table. At right, a pile of tasty bread.

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As Bo listened, his demeanor changed and seemed connected with the message. I asked him

what he thought, and he responded: "Must admit... I'm surprised..." I shared John 3:17, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" and suggested that he get in line for groceries and a meal.

BO THOUGHT about it, while watching people being given groceries saying: "Let me think about it ..." After a few minutes he turned down the offer, saying: "I'm going to go to the grocery store at the corner and get some cigarettes since I ran out. Maybe I'll come back." I told him that I hoped he would return and enjoy fellowship, a meal, and prayer if he was so inclined.

As he started walking to the grocery store, he stopped, turned around saying: "Oh, now I know what's going to happen ... you are going to judge me for smoking and leaving your event. Right?"

I MEDITATED on a response and said: "You heard Pastor Russ explain how he was a drug addict before he came to Jesus. I would never judge him. He is a dear brother in the Lord."

Bo looked at me in the eye, waved goodbye, and left the outreach in a more placid mood than when he came.

DEALING WITH Bo was not easy. I hope and pray that his experience at The Father's Heart ministry touched his heart and changed his view of Christians from being judgmental, to being reflective of the love of Jesus.

Luke 6:37-38: "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

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!



A delicious hot meal is ready to eat.