



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. The Father's Heart: established April 30, 2011

We preach God's word in prayer



The winter months have still been busy at The Father's Heart ministry.

As word has gotten out about the Soup and the Savior Shed more people have started to come for a hot cup of soup and a delicious sandwich, winter clothing, and toiletries.

MANY WERE ministered to; some went into treatment and detox. Many night-time outreaches were cancelled for the mobile kitchen due to the cold.

But most Saturdays there was an outreach at our Lake Avenue headquarters, where people received groceries, a

warm meal to go, and winter clothing.

REDEEMING LOVE continued to go out weekly. Some days were slower, especially the really cold days — that is when the women hide out in abandoned houses to try to stay out of the elements. But bags of snacks, a sandwich, toiletries, and winter clothes continued to be passed out.

With all these outreaches, almost every single person is prayed for. The volunteers lay hands on individuals in need and cry out to the Lord, interceding on their behalf with our Savior.

THEY PRAY for healing, for restoration, for chains to break, for provision, and for a place to lay their heads. Sometimes

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The line for groceries was long during an outreach at headquarters.

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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Brothers in Christ pray with a man outside the mobile kitchen.

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they get to pray for the greatest gift — eternal life and salvation found only in Jesus.

YOU SEE, although in the cold months we can't do a church service or a full gospel message all the time, we are able to preach the word of God in prayer.

We are able to share on a more personal level the greatest story ever told: the life of Jesus and how He came and lived a sinless life, how He died on the cross for the sins of the world but defeated death and rose the third day, and now is seated at the right hand of the Father, constantly making intercession for us.

Through His death and resur-

rection all who believe on Him will be saved and have eternal life.

Now we can come boldly to His throne, now we can cry out to Him, and He hears the prayers of the righteous only because of His blood that makes us clean. We get to pray to our heavenly Father and He hears our prayers.

JOIN US in praying that this year will continue to be a year where we cry out to the Lord for those who are lost.

Cry out to the Lord for those in chains. Lord, let this be a year where hearts of stone become hearts of flesh on the streets of Rochester, New York.

Love In Christ,
 Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

We pray for pregnant women to choose life

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.

Psalm 139:13 says, "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb." And in Jeremiah 1:5 it says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Here is an amazing testimony of how God sees and knows all things. His ways are always good.

A FEW months ago, we prayed for a woman on the streets who was pregnant. I think we not only ministered to her via the Redeeming Love van but also with The Father's Heart mobile kitchen. Well, we received a voice mail from that woman. The voicemail left was asking if Russ and I would like to foster her twin babies who were born!!!!

Well, anyone who knows Russ and I know that we don't have children of our own and

really aren't able to take care of newborn preemie twins. We prayed for the Lord to open a door for a Christian home as the woman really wanted her children in a safe home with people who loved the Lord. How faithful is our God!!!

WE SOON later learned that they were being fostered by a Christian couple we know and they are doing great. We can't use names due to privacy rules, but we were blown away on how the Lord heard our prayers and those of many others.

He saw these precious little lives and He made a way for them to go to just the right home where they will be loved, cared for, and ministered to. Please pray for them and the family that is fostering them. We have shared many times those scriptures in Psalm 139 and Jeremiah 1 to women out on the streets. There are a few women right now as I write this who are pregnant. We praise God that they are choosing life.

CARING CHOICES has a mobile van. A few times they have gone out at the same time as the Redeeming Love van and we are able to direct the women to the van to get counseling and even an ultrasound.

Through partnering with Caring Choices, our hope is that not one girl out there on the streets will choose to have



A servant prays with a couple.

an abortion but will choose to bring life into this world.

PRAY THAT we continue to speak life to the women, that they choose life, and that they come to see the One, Jesus, who is the Giver of Life.

Love in Christ,
Anne Loria

We pray for everyone to receive Jesus Christ

God Speaks Through The City

Part 71: Isaiah 53:5
By a servant in Christ

Servants of The Father's Heart often encounter people who either do not believe in God, believe in other gods, or have distorted views of the gospel. These experiences require not only knowledge and passion for the word of God, but perseverance and readiness for how to deal with conflicts that may arise.



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Thank you!

We often share Jesus with atheists, agnostics, Muslims, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and others, while evangelizing steadfastly the truth that will set them free. As 2 Timothy 4:2 states: "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

THE STORY that follows presents an interesting interaction with a man of the Jewish faith who strongly believed in "HaShem" (God) but did not believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

As I walked into the outreach, I overheard two servants having an animated discussion with the Jewish gentleman, "Ariel," regarding Jesus being the Messiah. The servants said the main difference between Jews and Christians is that Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah while Jews are still looking for their Messiah.

Furthermore, they explained how often Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecies in the Old Testament. Ariel listened but remained steadfast in his beliefs.

LATER, WHILE Pastor Russ was preaching, Ariel waited to get groceries while looking down, not connecting with the gospel being taught. When Pastor Russ asked the crowd to raise their hand if they wanted to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, Ariel looked away, clearly showing his lack of acceptance of the message that was taught.

After prayers by servants for those holding their hands up,



Warm meals are served.

the line started moving to get the groceries and meals. Given that the line was long and moving slowly, I decided to walk toward Ariel and start a conversation.

After introducing myself, I asked Ariel if he had been blessed by the message. Ariel nodded his head saying "No, I am Jewish."

I SHARED that I had Jewish friends who had converted to Christianity and were passionate about their new faith.

Ariel responded: "Not me. Christians don't like Jews and neither does the man who preached." I was left speechless, praying to God for wisdom. I heard the message and nothing was said against Jews. Why would Ariel say that?

A KEY part of our message is that accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior results in salvation and going to heaven. As a Jew who denies Jesus as Lord and Savior, did Ariel interpret our message to mean that he was doomed to go to hell?

Jesus states in Matthew
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10:33: "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Clearly that is the truth, but our mission is to bring people to Jesus, not chastise them to hell.

I TRIED to respond lovingly and with hope. I told Ariel that it is not about condemning Jewish people and their faith, it is about bringing them to our Savior.

"Ariel ... "We love Jews. Jesus was born to a Jewish mother, circumcised, attended and taught at synagogues, celebrated Passover, Hanukkah, and was known as a rabbi. The Bible clearly states that OUR God views you as His chosen people."

"FOR YOU are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be



It's a cold night on the grocery line at Andrews Terrace apartments.

a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 7:6).

Ariel remained quiet. I asked him if he was aware of how the book of Isaiah and other books of the Bible extensively present Jesus as our Messiah and Savior. Ariel shrugged his shoulders as he reached the table and began taking groceries.

I THEN told him that we love the Jewish people and were excited that he came to The Father's Heart. Ariel smiled and expressed his gratitude for the ministry.

A few weeks later, at the same location, one of the two servants who first connected with Ariel approached him and asked him if he had found his Messiah. Ariel responded "Yes." The servant then asked him, "Is His name Jesus?" Ariel simply smiled.

ALTHOUGH WE do not know if Ariel accepted Jesus as his Messiah, his attitude definitely changed and seemed more receptive. Jesus' presence in the "Tanakh" (Hebrew Bible) and the love expressed by servants of The Father's Heart

toward him clearly had some impact.

We pray that as Ariel reads his Tanakh, he discerns the presence of Jesus as the Messiah.

ISAIAH 53:5: "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

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