



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

Be His light in the darkness



John 12:46 says “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”

The Lord put this verse on our hearts last fall for our annual fundraiser theme. Be His light in the darkness, shining for Him. That is our desire at The Father’s Heart ministry. As the world, state and city get darker we need to shine brighter.

THERE IS an urgency to tell others about Jesus more than ever before and there should be an urgency in every believer’s heart to share the

story of redemption found only in Jesus. To be His hands and feet more than ever before.

LINES AT the mobile kitchen outreaches have gotten longer and the Soup and the Savior Shed has gotten busier.

As the world around us grows more violent, dark, and seemingly hopeless, at the ministry we have had the opportunity to share about the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World, and the One who offers the only true hope: eternal hope found in Jesus.

DIGITAL CINEMA created a video on the Soup and the Savior Shed that can be found at the media tab on our website.

What stuck out to us in that whole video was a picture of a man who turned and stared into the camera as he was waiting for his food. The sadness and hopelessness in his eyes can’t be forgotten.

THIS IS what compels us to minister to those in need, whether it is from bad choices, illness, or just a bad situation. Every individual who comes to the kitchen or the shed is God’s

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Prayer for a man in need.



God's promise of His covenant with man stretches above the mobile kitchen at an East Avenue outreach.

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creation. They are someone's daughter or son and we want them to become princes and princesses to the King of Kings.

WE WANT to share with you the thoughts of Jack Sternberg, a volunteer who serves at the Soup and the Savior Shed. He is a young man who loves Jesus and is truly a blessing like all those who come and help serve at The Father's Heart:

"Do you love me?' And he said to Him, 'Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed My sheep."

"The Soup and the Savior Shed has given me a great opportunity to respond to the same call Jesus had for Peter in John 21 to feed His sheep.

"UPON MY interaction with the men and women of Rochester, Christ has opened my eyes to see their deep

desire for the Good Shepherd. Looking for pieces of His character in all the wrong places.

"I am grateful for this ministry that allows me to point searching hearts to the One who desires to save them. What a joy it has been to be used by God to feed His sheep, both physically and spiritually!!"

WE ENCOURAGE you to come out to serve and volunteer with the ministry. Be the light in such a dark world; show them how the joy of the Lord can be their strength and how Jesus can truly turn beauty from ashes.

Share with them a smile or come and sit with them and hear their stories, hand them a meal, and pray with them in Jesus' name. Be the light.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

Outreach needs

Clothing: New small and medium underwear for men and women, small and medium leggings for women, and small and medium men's sweats and shorts. We ask that all clothing donations be laundered before donating.

Spiritual: Pocket Bibles.

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.

'Keep doing what you are doing'

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.

In Matthew 25:35-36 it says, "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."

At Redeeming Love, we go out week after week driving around to feed, clothe, and pray for the women hurting on the streets. At times, as I have shared in the past, we can get discouraged as sometimes we don't always see the fruit.

WE DO see that when the van pulls up it brings a smile to many of the women's faces.

But one time we went into the Monroe County Jail with some of our volunteers who also volunteer every week with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry.

We were ministering to a woman and the woman said, "You ladies look so familiar ... wait, you are the ones that go out in the black van?"

"**I WAS** so hungry one day and you pulled up and I got a sandwich and snacks and dessert from you. I wasn't hungry anymore. Keep doing what you are doing; you are all amazing."

Another woman from the streets that we spoke to that day broke into tears when she saw us. She shared with us how the Lord protected her from the streets by getting her arrested and sent to jail. She prayed that she would be sent to a rehab program from the jail so she wouldn't end up back on the streets and using drugs.

IN ANOTHER part of the jail, where inmates aren't behind bars but are able to come right up to us, several women ran up to give us big hugs and shed some tears and received prayer.

Some were surprised that we were in the jail to visit them.

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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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We said to them, "See, Jesus wants to show His love for you everywhere you go."

When we left the jail that day we were encouraged to keep coming to the jail, to keep going out on the streets, and to keep praying for the women and men that we encounter.

OUR GOD is so faithful to encourage us to press on and finish our races well. To give us encouragement when we need it the most. To remind us that we are here for one reason: to live for Him and to tell others about the hope found in Jesus alone. Thank you, Jesus, for the smiles.

In Christ,
Anne Loria



Servants distribute food and clothing at a headquarters outreach.

‘Finally, I have touched a Bible’

A new way to donate for Amazon shoppers

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!

God Speaks
Through The City
Part 72: Matthew 4:4
By a servant in Christ

The Father's Heart ministry shares the word of God with those in need but sadly, some street people come to the outreaches only for food and clothing.

THE STORY that follows caught me by surprise, as I was led by the Holy Spirit to do things not in the norm. "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today — every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes" (Deuteronomy 12:8).

The line was long and many people listened fervently as Pastor Russ preached. Observing the line, I noticed a lady who was facing in the opposite direction, looking annoyed as she waited to get the groceries and hot meal.

WHEN THE message ended, people were asked to raise their hands if they wished to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, and were offered a Bible to build them up in the word. The one lady continued to look away until the time came to move toward the tables and food.

As I contemplated approaching the lady in line, "Emily," and ministering to her,

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an unusual thought came to mind. I went to the table holding the Bibles and picked one to give to her.

WHY WOULD a person that did not bother to hear the message ever want a Bible? Shouldn't I minister to her and share the love of Jesus before offering her a Bible? I was unable to answer these questions while I proceeded to approach Emily.

I introduced myself and cordially offered her the Bible. She looked at me, seemingly confused by my offer, and eventually responded saying something I had never heard before: "I don't think so ... I HAVE NEVER EVEN TOUCHED A BIBLE ..."



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Thank you!

HER COMMENT caught me by surprise, and I prayed for the Holy Spirit to give me some wisdom. I responded to her: "Don't you want to hear what God has to say?"

She looked at me confused and shrugging her shoulders as I said: "You see, Emily, the Bible provides the opportunity for you and me to communicate with Him. You can hear God's voice by reading scripture and if you have questions or requests, you can talk to Him in prayer."

FOR THE first time since I first saw her, she seemed attentive. I was surprised to see her reach out and grab the Bible out of my hand. She smiled and said, "Finally, I have touched a Bible ..."

I saw her holding the Bible as she walked to the tables and thought about suggesting that she read the book of John. Emily beat me to the punch, rapidly opening her Bible saying: "I guess I can read this."

I ASKED Emily to show me where she was. Smiling, she said: "It says 'Isaiah' in large font." As she started reading the first few verses, she said, "Lots of names ..."

I told her to keep reading and that she would find some fascinating prophecies; "Although the book of Isaiah was written about 700 years before Jesus, it predicts His virgin birth, the fact that He

was a suffering servant of the Lord, despised and rejected, who died for our sins ..."

I walked away from Emily as she continued to read the Bible while walking toward the tables. When she got to the first table, a servant offered her a bag of food from a bin and surprisingly, Emily kept reading her Bible.

THE SERVANT said, "Ma'am ... I have a bag with really nice food. Would you like some?" Emily finally responded to the servant, "Yes, thank you," and kept moving forward while reading her Bible.

As she got more food from servants, she held the bags of food with one hand while holding her Bible with her other hand as she read.

I REFLECTED on what had transpired in awe of His will. How could a lady who had "never even touched a Bible" place more priority on the word of God than on the food she had come for? I pray that she keeps reading her Bible and that if she returns to The Father's Heart outreach, her primary focus will be to hear the word of God.

Matthew 4:4: "But He answered and said, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."'"