



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.

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Young believers learn to serve



It was a summer full of ministry at The Father's Heart. The Soup and the Savior Shed was busy week after week with most days serving close to 60 to 80 people. The mobile food truck saw longer lines.

THE KIDS Club at Edgerton Community Center was ministered to twice this summer; at one we had close to 30 kids who heard about Jesus, and at the other we did our annual backpack giveaway. For both times the food truck became an ice cream truck.

Five groups from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and

South Carolina came to serve at the ministry this summer. It was a blessing to hear the testimonies of those who came, and it was also encouraging to hear from young believers that serving those who are often forgotten has affected their walks with the Lord.

WE THINK on 2 Timothy 1:6-7 that says, “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Some of the youth came a little apprehensive, scared, and not knowing what to expect. But as they served the Lord — whether it was preparing sandwiches, or in the shed, or handing out a meal on the truck, or filling a bag of groceries, or cleaning the toilets, or washing dishes, or praying with someone who

needed prayer, or having the privilege to lead someone to Jesus as their Lord and Savior — they got to see that the Lord was with them, and that the Lord could use them for whatever He is calling them to do.

WE SAW some who met a woman through the Redeeming Love ministry and were shy and afraid to pray with her but felt compelled to reach out and hand her a bag

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Young volunteers serve.



The Soup and the Savior Shed at ministry headquarters offers food, snacks, clothing, prayer, and the gospel to those in need.

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of food and toiletries and pray for her and after that, to smile knowing that they encouraged someone who had felt hopeless that day.

WE SAW some share the gospel to someone who came to the truck, and some hand out Bibles. It showed them that they didn't need to know it all but just be willing to open their mouths or to extend their hands to show someone the heart of Jesus.

Our heart is that the youths who volunteered this summer became aware of the gift that the Lord has given them. That

the Lord could use them no matter what their age. That the Lord allowed them to conquer their fears because He was with them when they were out of their comfort zones.

WE PRAY that they, along with all the youths and young adults, will not be afraid or feel inadequate to serve the Lord. We pray that the Lord continues to reveal to them that they just need to be willing, to step out in faith and to serve the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

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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'As long as it takes'

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.

There are times those who serve with Redeeming Love are asked, "How many times has that woman been in rehab?" Or "Don't you get frustrated of the women going into detox for a few days, and then seeing them back out on the streets the next week?" Or "Isn't the city of Rochester getting worse instead of better with the drugs?"

IF WE are honest, yes, it seems that our city and world are getting worse, and yes, it is frustrating and discouraging at times if we dwell on that.

I once read that 2 percent of those in addiction and being exploited on the streets get off the streets and drugs. If we

were to focus on these things we would think there is no hope.

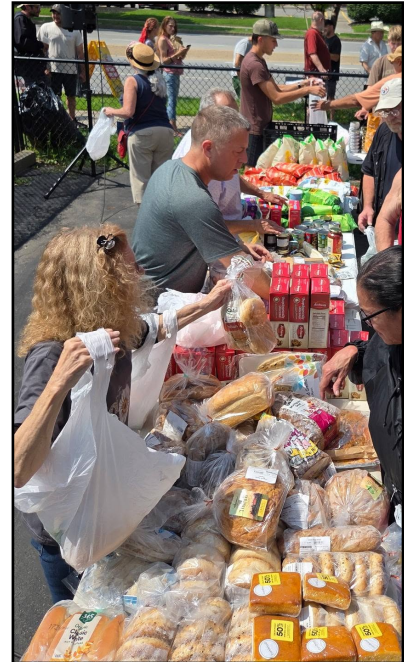
BUT GOD ... He is more than able to save, rescue and redeem those who seem the farthest from Him. I think of Galatians 6:9, which says, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

There are many women we have sent to detox time and time again and then we see them back out on the streets a week, a month or even a year later. I remember watching a documentary and a person said it took more than 20 times of going into detox to truly get clean.

IT IS like the question asked in the Bible about how many times I must forgive. Jesus answers in Matthews 18:22, "I do not say to you, up to seven

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The groceries line is busy.

times, but up to seventy times seven." That is a lot of times to forgive!!!

I CAN'T say 100 percent what Jesus would tell us to do in our situation, but I believe that He would tell us to keep going after the women, to not give up, and to keep showing them that He loves them and sees them. After all, He makes beauty from ashes.

So, when asked the question, "How many times are you going to send them to rehab?" we will answer, "As long as it takes."

Love In Christ,
Anne Loria

Despite her need she became a giver

God Speaks Through The City

Part 74: James 2:5
By a servant in Christ

The Father's Heart ministry shares the gospel, prayer, groceries, meals, and clothing with those in need. As a result, a large number of people attend our outreaches and the Soup and the Savior Shed.

Many of the attendees tend to be poor, unemployed, homeless, or battle addiction and other maladies of the flesh, needing what the ministry provides. The story that follows involves a troubled lady so blessed by The Father's Heart that she was inspired to be a "giver" and not just a "taker." "But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

IT WAS noon at Keeler Park Apartments and a large crowd from the low-income high-rise building was waiting in line. Given that the majority of the

residents are Hispanic, the word of God was beautifully preached by a servant in Spanish, while translated to English by another servant.

SADLY, A large number of those standing in line were chatting with their neighbors, not listening to the powerful message being shared. When the crowd was asked to raise their hands if they needed prayer or wanted to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, I noticed that only one hand was raised. I quickly approached "Elena," the lady raising her hand. She seemed grateful and convicted by the word of God that was preached. Elena felt more comfortable speaking Spanish than English, so the rest of our conversation was in Spanish.

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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!



Pastor Russ preaches the gospel at a headquarters outreach.

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Elena stated that she was in great need of prayer, given her long-term battle with cancer and her daughter being hospitalized as a result of a drug overdose and addiction. As I prayed for her and her daughter, Elena was convicted as she shook emotionally, saying: "I got the goosebumps..."

SHE SHARED that she was blessed after several years of battling cancer which had not gotten worse. She also expressed her concern for her daughter's addiction: "I have talked with her so many times regarding her addiction and have prayed for her endlessly. She has been to rehab many times ... what else can I do?"

I described Pastor Russ' testimony and how he was able to stop being a drug addict by accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. "Your daughter needs Jesus," I told her.

Elena shared with me how she was in the faith and attended a church that teaches the word of God in Spanish. "I love Jesus and the church. I don't have a car, but I am blessed that the church gives me rides to church every week."

I ASKED her if she had tried to share the word of God with her daughter or take her to church. She told me that her daughter had not been receptive, while continuing on her troubled path. I suggested that she could bring her daughter to The Father's Heart to hear the sermon and have servants minister to her. Elena said:

Outreach needs

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

Spiritual: Pocket-sized 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.

"Unfortunately she is now hospitalized. When she gets out, she will be in rehab. She will not be able to come for some time."

I TOLD Elena that I would pray for her and, if she was OK with it, to share her situation with others for prayer. Elena was thankful for the ministry and our time of prayer saying: "Will keep Jesus as my focus, thank you all."

As the line started moving and Elena was getting groceries, she waved at me, asking me to come over. As I approached her, she reached in her pocket and got a \$20 bill, while telling me that she wished to donate the money to The Father's Heart.

I told her how much we appreciated her offer. Since she

had told me that it was difficult for her to see her daughter given that she did not have a car, I suggested that she keep the money and use it for a rideshare to take her to the hospital or rehab.

She insisted that she wanted to make the donation and that she would give more if she had the money. I accepted her gift and gave it to Pastor Russ.

PLEASE PRAY that Elena's daughter finds the way, the truth, and the life. Please pray that Elena continues to grow in the Lord and that her health, personal, and financial situations improve. Given the circumstances, I will never forget her \$20 gift to The Father's Heart.

James 2:5: "Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?"



Prayer for a man in need.