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ROCHESTER'S MOBILE KITCHEN FOR CHRIST

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 choose our eternal destination



A friend of ours made a fascinating point after we remarked how beautiful fall is with the leaves changing their colors. She said, "Doesn't it show how beautiful death can be?"

How true that is. For those in Christ — His children — death is the most beautiful thing. 2 Corinthians 5:1 says, "For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

TRULY HE makes beauty from ashes. He makes all things new in Him, and through Him the thing that is the number one fear for many — death — has no hold on us as children of the most high God.

BUT TO those who don't believe, death is scary and not beautiful at all. And because of that — because of the thought that someone could die and not know Jesus and go to hell — is why we do what we do at The Father's Heart.

EZEKIEL 33:8-9 says, "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will

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Pastor Russ delivers the gospel at Pinnacle Place apartments.



A prayer huddle during an outreach at ministry headquarters.

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require at your hand. Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul."

We need to warn everyone that we all have a choice where we will spend eternity. One is with the Lord and one is separation from Him, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. It's our choice. We need to choose whom we will serve.

SO, AT The Father's Heart we will continue to go out and proclaim to everyone the most important life-changing message: Jesus.

Please pray for our upcoming season with our Thanksgiving outreach on November 21, our Kids Club Christmas party at Edgerton Community Center on December 9, and our Christmas outreach on December 19. We are all set for volunteers for these days, but we are asking you to pray for them.

PRAY FOR the Lord to provide all that is needed to share His love and show His provision to those in need. Please pray that they don't just hear about Jesus through the ministry but see Jesus in all of us who serve Him at The Father's Heart.

We pray that you will share Jesus with someone this season. Share the reason for the season. Share the greatest gift that you could ever share: Jesus.

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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Unless noted otherwise, all scripture in the newsletter is from the New King James Version.



A hug can work wonders.

Amazon shoppers have a new way to donate

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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!

An encouraging letter from a grateful woman

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.

I want to share some encouragement from a woman we encountered through Redeeming Love. She was getting help in rehab and she wrote this letter to one of our volunteers.

"FIRST, THANK you for the beautiful card. It truly meant so much to me. To anyone who knew how tired I looked each day, I am starting to look great and feel more and more restored, feeling closer to God each day! In John 14:27 Jesus says that He leaves us with peace, not as the world gives. I get that and understand the true meaning of those words in my heart.

"SECOND, I thank you and all of the beautiful ladies who believe in us when we don't believe in ourselves anymore, and who help keep our faith in God even though we lost our way. Never felt judged; I never felt completely alone because I know you still were there. Thank you for all the times you brought a smile to my face, fresh fruit when I was hungry, a hat and gloves set when I was cold, and even my only Christmas present when I was mostly feeling alone. Also, so so much more. Was always appreciated. Wishing you all blessings. XO Love Always."

WHAT AN encouragement that letter was to all the women who serve with Redeeming Love. My hope is that it encourages you also. We pray that we continue to be His hands and feet out there and to show His love, especially during the holidays coming up, as sometimes those we serve feel all alone and forgotten. Please be in prayer that we see many miracles in these women out there.

Love In Christ,
Anne Loria

At 95, her faith has helped her persevere

God Speaks Through The City

Part 75: Isaiah 46:4
By a servant in Christ

A blessing of The Father's Heart is to connect with loyal attendees who seek the word of God in addition to groceries, meals, and clothing. Although the ministry makes it easy for people to stand in line, hear the gospel, and go through the line, some of the regulars live several blocks away and use canes, walkers, or wheelchairs to attend.

THE STORY that follows involves the struggles of a faithful 95-year-old lady, "Eliana," who has attended the ministry for years.

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Thank you!

Before Pastor Russ began to preach the message, I stood on a nearby sidewalk trying to attract people to The Father's Heart. As I looked down the street, I noticed Eliana was walking slowly toward the outreach using her rollator walker. I rushed over to greet her and provide support as she would need to walk nearly a block to get to the outreach.

SHE WAS happy to see me but continued to struggle saying: "This is too much for me. I can hear the sermon and put groceries on my walker but this will be the last time I come to The Father's Heart." I tried to console her while placing my hand on her back to help stabilize her as she walked.

About 15 to 20 minutes later we arrived at the outreach and noticed the long line of people waiting to hear the message and get groceries. Eliana seemed disheartened saying, "This line is going to be a long wait. I can't deal with it … " I told her that I would talk to all the people in line to see if they were willing to let her in at the front of the line.

Surprisingly, they all agreed and the people at the front of the line made room for Eliana to enter and sit on her walker seat.



A friendly greeting.

AS PASTOR Russ preached, Eliana was totally immersed in the message. After the message, Eliana proceeded down the line while a fellow servant helped her carry her groceries. As she went through the line, I kept telling her how much Jesus loved her and how He was always there for her.

Once she finished getting her groceries and meal, the fellow servant offered to walk her home while carrying the groceries and meal. Eliana expressed her gratitude to all the servants she encountered, sharing her support for the ministry. As she walked home, helped by the fellow

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servant, I would periodically check to see how she was doing.

I waited some time for the fellow servant to return and ask him how things went. Looking down the street, I noticed that there were some people in front of Eliana's house, so I decided to join them.

WHEN I arrived, Eliana waved at me, smiling while sitting on her walker, in better spirits than when she went to the outreach. A member of Eliana's family was having an interesting conversation with the fellow servant regarding how long they had lived in their house.



A young volunteer prays with a woman at headquarters.

ELIANA'S RELATIVE shared information about the history of the neighborhood and how they had been blessed living there. During the conversation, Eliana remained quiet but in good spirits as she continued to smile.

I approached her, asking her how she was feeling. She responded that she had been blessed by The Father's Heart in spite of the long walk getting to the outreach. As she spoke, I pondered whether to ask her if she would consider coming to the ministry again.

Eliana must have read my mind as she smiled saying: "By the way, I will return to The Father's Heart! No doubt about it … " She then showed me a "thumbs up," smiling as I gave her a hug.

NEEDLESS TO say, I was thrilled to learn that in spite of her tribulations and challenges at 95 years old, Eliana was still willing and able to attend The Father's Heart outreaches. Her perseverance was clearly a result of her faith and her reliance on the Lord for support.

Isaiah 46:4 "Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you."

Outreach needs

Clothing: We have a huge need for men's and women's heavy winter coats. We also need men's winter clothes and jeans and hoodies, winter gloves, new underwear for men and women, and single-use hand warmers. We ask that all clothing is laundered and clean and that all donations are new or gently used, with no rips or tears.

For newly purchased items, please consider making the purchase through Amazon Wishlist. See the Amazon Wishlist box on Page 3. 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.



A hot meal is served.