



James 2:16: *If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?*



As cold weather takes hold in December, warm clothing is offered to a woman at a Lake Avenue outreach.

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



Encourage others with the hope in you

Ecclésiastes 3:1-4 says, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; a time to kill, and a

time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

AT THE Father's Heart there have been many seasons in our lives, along with seasons in the lives of all our volunteers and the people to whom we minister.

Anne's mom went home to be with the Lord on November 25. We want to thank everyone who has prayed for her mom over the past few years. We get our strength through the Lord and all of your prayers, and we couldn't do it without you.

ANNE'S MOM was a prayer warrior. She constantly prayed for the ministry and encouraged us in what we were doing for the Lord.

We will miss her, but we rest in the

eternal hope and promise of the Lord.

THROUGH THIS season of loss and caring for Anne's mother we have ministered to many on the streets, but it is one lady in particular that we will bring up. We will call her "Evelyn." She lost her mom a few months ago, and when Anne spoke to her in November, Evelyn was really missing her mom and mourning her loss.

YOU SEE, her mother instilled in her the word of God and would pray with her and encourage her to get to church to have fellowship with other believers.

As Anne prayed with Evelyn for the Lord to direct her to a church and to

Continued on page 2



Servants of The Father's Heart ministry bow before the battle during a prayer meeting at headquarters on Lake Avenue.

Continued from Page 1

open up the word and allow the Lord to minister to her like her mom did, they formed a bond.

At the outreach on Jefferson Ave-

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 to whom we witness 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!

The Father's Heart
678 Lake Avenue
Rochester, NY 14613
(585) 647-6746

Mailing address:

The Father's Heart ROC
P.O. Box 1134

Webster, NY 14580

On the Web:

thefathersheartroc.org

On your mobile device:

m.thefathersheartroc.org

On Facebook:

The Fathers Heart ROC

On Twitter:

FathersHeartROC

nue in December, Evelyn came to hear the word and receive prayer. As she and Anne embraced, Anne shared with her that her mom had just gone to be with the Lord.

THEY HUGGED a little longer and tears came to their eyes. They knew what they were going through together. They wept together and then they rejoiced together in the hope that one day they will see their mothers again, because both of these godly ladies loved the Lord with all of their hearts. As it says in Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

Evelyn is now attending a church and is in the word daily. Thank you, Lord!

SINCE WE are starting a new year, we pray that we at The Father's Heart will continue to be His living vessels. We pray that all of you would continue to be His light and His vessels.

We encourage our brothers and sisters in the Lord to use your life experiences to minister to someone who is lost, or a brother or sister in the Lord who is going through what you went through. Encourage them with the Hope that lies within you — Jesus Christ.

God Bless and Happy New Year.

Love in Christ — Russ and Anne Loria

Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

May our fruit grow in the new year

We can hardly believe another year has drawn to a close. We trust that everyone reading this newsletter had a wonderful, blessed Christmas with family and friends.

The Lord is truly good and greatly to be praised. He has done great things with The Father's Heart.

HE CONTINUES to bless the ministry with donations from faithful businesses, and people to help serve at all the outreaches. And as 2016 comes to an end, we can look back and see all the people the Lord has touched through The Father's Heart: people who have given their hearts to Jesus, as well as people

Continued on Page 3

Craft sale update

The Father's Heart craft sale on Dec. 3 raised more than \$3,100 to support the ministry. Many thanks to all who supported the sale.

Continued from Page 2

the Lord has used to bring them to Him.

EVERYTHING CONTINUES to go well at Pinnacle Place apartments. We had another huge crowd of people who listened intently to the Christmas message given by our brother in Christ, John. We went in the middle of a terrible snow storm, but it was worth it knowing that the Lord was faithful to bring the people there and touch their hearts with the gospel story of Christmas.

The people who heard the message were given hope that no matter how bad life is at times, we have the assurance that our Savior was born and came into this world to die in our place and save us from the punishment for our sins, and that He knows every trial we go through because He went through them, too.

THANK YOU also, Lord, for the resurrection, and that because of it death is defeated, and we can be assured we will someday be in heaven with you. There is no gift greater than this: eternal life in heaven with our magnificent God.

The Pines of Perinton outreach



To donate to The Father's Heart through PayPal, please go to thefathersheartoc.org and click the "Donate" tab for the PayPal icon. Thank you!

also continues to be a blessing to all who come. We sang Christmas carols and heard a great Christmas message delivered by Pastor Dan. Then we shared a good meal and gave out gifts from The Father's Heart. We also had a good time of fellowship with the people who came to serve.

WE LOOK forward to another year of serving the Lord, seeing more people saved, and having a relationship with our wonderful Lord and Savior.

May we continue to see the fruit of this ministry grow more and more in the new year. There are so many people who need to hear the good news that there is hope in Jesus Christ and that He loves them no matter what they have done.

PLEASE KEEP them in your prayers, that they will accept the free gift of salvation and have a meaningful relationship with Jesus.

We are praying that all of you will have a blessed, happy and healthy new year.

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Extended Ministries conducts outreaches from spring to fall on the second Thursday of the month at Northside Park in East Rochester and year-round on the third Thursday of the month at Pinnacle Place apartments in Rochester and on the third Saturday of the month at The Pines of Perinton apartments. To volunteer, contact Frank and Diane Rivaldo at frivaldo@outlook.com

God Speaks Through the City

Part 18: Ephesians 5:25-28
By a servant in Christ

Jesus brings light in a dark place

Our outreach at Lyell and Sherman can be interesting for sure. Although we are there at mid-day, Lyell Avenue is one of the darkest places in the city. The neighborhood has the dubious distinction of having the highest rate of prostitution in the region. It is also a hub for drug dealing, attracting people from distant locations in upstate New York.

STILL, AMID darkness, Jesus brings forth light. "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). This story shares the love of a man who walks in His light.

It was around noon and the servants were actively being fishers of men. They were across the street

Continued on Page 4

Outreach needs

Clothing: Winter scarves and gloves, especially men's gloves.

Hygiene supplies: Deodorant.

Spiritual food: Bibles.

Donations can be dropped off at The Father's Heart headquarters, 678 Lake Avenue, Wednesday through Friday from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. For information, call (585) 472-4331.

Continued from Page 3

where small groups of people often gather between a grocery store and a bus stop. On that day, four men were standing by the bus stop. Two servants invited them to the outreach and offered prayers.

A STOIC older gentleman wearing a red jacket stood there unresponsive. A dear brother came over to me and said: "We were unable to talk with the man wearing the red jacket. But, there is something about him... look at him... He stands there motionless, listening to the word. He needs Jesus."

I often walk the streets with this brother and feel blessed witnessing his gift of evangelism and his discernment. As I watched the motionless "man in red," the Lord put in my heart to walk across the street and approach him.

I GENTLY introduced myself and the ministry and invited him to join us. His gaze remained fixated and he continued to be motionless. Running the risk of being obtrusive, I persevered.

The man in red finally opened up,



Praying at Lyell and Sherman.

saying: "I just can't..." I let him know that if he did not want to miss the bus, we could bring food to him along with encouraging literature about our living God. He was grateful but said politely: "I don't need food. I am being fed by the word."

I noticed that his chin started to quiver and offered to pray for him. He became more comfortable and shared the following:

"I AM on my way to a mental institution to be with my beautiful wife. She has a severe case of paranoid schizophrenia and needs to live there. I catch the bus every day to be with her but my heart breaks when I see her in that state. Even though it's painful for me I will be there. Some people say that is my obligation as a husband. They just don't understand... (pause). This is not about an obligation. This is about my ETERNAL love for my wife. Jesus will never forsake her and neither will I."

I have done my best to remember

his words but still cannot do them justice. It is also impossible using mere words to communicate this man's emotion and love. I realized then that his unresponsiveness to my brothers had nothing to do with rejection or indifference. The word spoken by Pastor Russ was melding the love of Jesus and the love for his wife in his heart.

GROCERIES? A hot meal? Clothing? Fellowship? Tracts? All nice things but *nothing* compared to what was inside the heart of the man in red.

We prayed. We hugged. Tears flowed from our eyes. The bus came and the man in red lovingly said goodbye. I walked across the street trying to wipe tears from my eyes. My discerning brother, whom God used to trigger my meeting with the man in red, hugged me, saying nothing. He did not know the details but somehow he sensed what had just happened.

A MAN'S love and devotion for Jesus and for his wife was presented to me in ways no Christian marriage seminar or Bible study could ever do. God speaks through the city and I thank Him for allowing me to receive His message of love. Lord Jesus, we ask that You bless the man in red during his difficult but godly journey and that You bring healing to his wife.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (Ephesians 5:25-28).

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Through AmazonSmile, The Father's Heart receives a donation from Amazon of 0.5 percent of your purchase price, at no cost to you. To sign up, go to smile.amazon.com on your computer or mobile device. On your first visit, you will be asked to select a charity. Enter "Fathers Heart Ministry Roc Inc" in the box that says "Or pick your own charitable organization." You'll be directed to the Amazon website for shopping as usual.