



Psalm 149:2-3: Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise His name with the dance.



A youth group on a mission trip from Puerto Rico dances during an outreach on North Clinton Avenue.

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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**Through our trials,
The Lord is with us**

Lamentations 3:22-24 says, "Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,'

says my soul, 'therefore I hope in Him!'"

GOD IS faithful. In the past couple of months at The Father's Heart, we have had changes occur, along with some tests and trials. As many of you know, Anne has had some health issues, but the Lord is getting us through, and by the many prayers of the saints and support of our brothers and sisters in the Lord, we are pressing on. His mercies have been new every morning for the ministry and for us individually.

Despite the medical trials not only in our lives but also in the lives of Scott and Robin Wilson and many other brothers and sisters, the Lord is still raining down His blessings.

THE POLE barn is almost complete and the concrete floor should be placed by mid-July, Lord willing. We lost one grocer as a major donor but we have now picked up two Wegmans stores and maybe a third. God is faithful that when He closes one door He opens another. We know that God will continue to provide if He wants His ministry to continue.

THROUGH THE trials in this life God is able to show His comfort and mercy. One of our favorite verses is 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may

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be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

AT THE Father's Heart our prayer is that we would show that God is the God of all comfort each and every day to the lost around us. When we go on the outreaches our prayer is that the people on the streets who feel hopeless, angry, fearful and without purpose in this life will see through all the volunteers and by the word of God that Christ is their only hope. He can be their only joy and true peace. He is the only true comfort in this world.

AT ONE outreach this past month, not only did the volunteers comfort others, but a child comforted one of the volunteers. How? The child gave the volunteer a hug. How awesome is it that the Lord uses a child to remind us of His love?



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GOD IS faithful. He is giving us a hug today and telling us to continue, to press on, to finish the race, and to have hope. The eternal hope is that our God of all comfort will wipe away every tear and there is coming a day that there will be no more pain and suffering, but pure joy and peace in the eternal kingdom, where we get to worship Him and be in His loving arms for eternity.

Love in Christ,
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 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!

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Pines of Perinton

By Scott and Robin Wilson

Thanks for servants who come faithfully

Praise the Lord for faithful servants.

Scott and I have stepped down from The Pines of Perinton outreach due to Scott's recent health issues. We are so thankful for Frank and Diane Rivaldo, who have lovingly stepped up in our place.

WE HAD great attendance on our latest Saturday outreach. We were blessed to have Dan Skelton speak on Lazarus from the Gospel of John. Jesus told his disciples that the sickness of Lazarus "is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (John 11:4).

We pray for healing of the sick and we pray for those who are suffering. We pray for those who are being pushed out of their homes, such as our dear friend Joel, who is being evicted from his home of 32 years. God knows the needs of all.

WE THANK the Lord for the volunteers who come out faithfully.



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Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

Let all our efforts be in Jesus' name

Summer is finally here and the smell of burgers and hotdogs is in the air again. We had another great turnout at the East Rochester outreach in Northside Park, with about 30 to 40 hamburgers and hots served.

EVERYONE WHO came heard a good message from one of our faithful servants. The gospel was preached and everyone listened. It's especially good to be in this location because of all the teenagers who typically hang out there.

I think the Lord has placed us in the park for a reason, just so these kids can hear the truth of the gospel and know that there is hope in Jesus. For some of them this might be the only times they hear the gospel.

AS ALWAYS, the Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and faithful servants to set up, serve, clean up, and most importantly pray with those who requested prayer. We see this ministry continue to grow. People are grateful that we are there and have asked us to come out more than once a month.

The outreach at Pinnacle Place apartments is also doing well. This is a really large outreach and we are blessed to see so many people coming out to help. The message has been well-received and it's so great to see people asking for prayer. It's proof that God's word never returns void.

IT'S TRUE that some people who come are there only for the hand-outs, but they are still hearing the gospel being preached, and sooner or later they will be touched by God's wonderful love and forgiveness. We truly believe in the work of the Holy Spirit to change lives, and so we continue to do the work the Lord has called us to.

The Father's Heart ministry is an important ministry, because how will unbelievers know Christ if the good news never reaches them? We are all amazed at how the Lord blesses this ministry each month. That tells us that the Lord is pleased with the work of The Father's Heart. May HE continue to bless this ministry and may it grow even bigger, and may we remain faithful to it.

"AND WHATEVER you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).

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

Outreach needs

Clothing: summer clothes, especially men's pants.

Meals: 3-compartment foam serving dishes with hinged lids, and plastic forks.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 15: Matthew 28:6
By a servant in Christ

God speaks with light and shadow

It was pouring rain as I drove to The Father's Heart headquarters on a Friday evening. When I arrived, it was still raining, but we prayed for clear skies so we could do the outreach.

AS WE left for Brown and West Main streets at Bull's Head, the sky began to clear and the sun peeked out from between the clouds. We thanked God and asked Him to bring forth the people. Little did we know that the Lord would later use the sun to confirm the message shared that night.

AFTER WE set up, Pastor Russ began to preach about the fundamental tenets of Christianity: redemption through the cross, the resurrection, and the one and only way to the Father. During the riveting message, I kept hearing an echo emanating from a building across the street. It was as if the word was spoken and being reaffirmed fractions of a second later.

AS I looked at the building, something caught my eye. There was a cross marking a sign on the wall. This took me by surprise since I had never seen a cross there before. Did someone paint over the sign? Was it Christian graffiti? No. I was actually looking at a shadow.

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The shadow on the sign (photo on left) and the utility pole that cast the shadow (photo on right). The outreach was on the opposite side of West Main Street.

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The clouds had parted in the west and somehow this beautiful shadow was being cast. I pointed it out to a sister from The Father's Heart and she said "Wow, that is something else! God is blessing us!"

I QUICKLY took a photo before the shadow had time to vanish as the sun went down in the horizon. Instead, it almost seemed as if the cross was standing still.

I decided to cross the street but my focus was not on the heavy Main Street traffic. Drivers must have sensed my lack of focus as I stood on the median, since they came to a complete stop and waved me across.

When I finally crossed the street (safely, thank God), I tracked the cross shadow starting at the sign, then following the wall and ground.

THE SHADOW was cast by a utility pole holding traffic signs. The stake of the cross was cast by the utility pole, but what about the crossbar? The crossbar (patibulum) where Jesus' hands were nailed was cast by a traffic sign which amazingly read "ONE WAY." The sign's arrow pointed directly across the street to the outreach as Russ proclaimed Jesus to be the ONE and only WAY

to the Father. "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

THIS PERFECT alignment between the sun and a utility pole with a meaningful traffic sign that echoed the word of God was a wonder. Not coincidentally, what was revealed to me across the street was in perfect timing with Russ' message.

Even more amazingly, only a few steps from the utility pole was a street sign marking a cross street, Churchlea Place. "Lea" means "field, grassy land, pasture."

The message was obvious: The Father's Heart takes the church out into the fields, sowing God's seed in His pastures for His glory.

Could this have been planned by man? What would it have taken?

THE ANSWER is easy to define but near impossible to implement. We would need an astronomer to calculate the sun's position for the day and exact time. Secondly, an engineer savvy in computer-aided design would need to get information defining all angles and dimensions of key objects at that exact location in the city. A director would need to give Russ time cues consistent with

the sun's position. Russ would need to memorize or read the word he shared instead of being guided by the Holy Spirit.

DRIVERS ON a busy street would need to stop their cars to avoid running over a man oblivious to traffic. Finally, a meteorologist would need to predict the rain subsiding and sky clearing (and we all know how accurate weather forecasts can be).

WHEN THE outreach was over, the sister who saw the cross exclaimed: "God is speaking to you!" Her observation tied some loose ends for me. God Speaks Through the City, this time not through others as He normally does. This story was a vertical message that blessed me and hopefully others as I share the story.

AS I write this I am on a plane leaving Rochester. The plane is accelerating while taking off. My ears are feeling the change of pressure as the airplane rises. Praise the Lord for providing this undeserving wretch yet another vivid reminder of the resurrection message shared at Brown and Main: HE IS RISEN.

"**HE IS** not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:6).

Amen.