



**Acts 1:14:** "All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer..."



Servants from Petra Christian Fellowship pray with those in need.

**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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## Pray that the kids will know the Lord

So many times at The Father's Heart we get to minister to kids at every outreach. We are able to give them a Bible, a gospel tract, a little silver coin with the Ten Commandments, or a stuffed animal, a pair of sneakers or a hug.

**BUT IT** was different recently when we resumed the annual hot dog cart outreach on Magnolia Avenue in East Rochester.

We asked a boy who was probably about 10 years old if he wanted a Bible. He looked and said yes with the biggest smile on his face. When he was handed the Bible he quickly turned around to his sister, and with a big smile he held up the Bible and exuberantly said, "Look! I have a Bible! They gave me a Bible!"

**HIS EXCITEMENT** reminded us of what pure, innocent joy in the Lord is. Does that boy understand all about the Bible? No, but when asked what and who the Bible spoke about, he said in a questioning tone, "Jesus?" We said yes and he stated he was going to go home and read it. He was just so excited to do so.

**PLEASE JOIN** us in praying for this young boy that he would open up the word of God and come to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

At a Lake Avenue outreach recently there was a woman who came with three of her nine children. When they approached you could tell by their tattered and stained clothes that they were in need of many things.

**THE TWO** young girls, ages 8 and 10 approximately, excitedly told us their clothing size, and as we gathered clothing in their size they became so happy and overjoyed that they were getting some new clothes. Along with the clothing and food we gathered to hold hands and pray with the mom and kids, and at the end of the prayer the mom looked up with such a big smile and

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said, "Thank you. We rely on God for everything."

**ON A** Saturday morning at Fulton and Emerson the line had already formed, and Pastor Russ was about to preach, when a young boy and his Grandma ran up. As he was walking by the bus he stated to everyone that he passed, "Sorry that we are late, so sorry that we are late."

This young man comes every month to hear the word and to get blessed with groceries and clothes. And the hot dog that day? Boy, was he excited to get that!

**MATTHEW 18:2-6** says, "Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

**AT THE** Father's Heart we pray that the children continue to come — to come and be fed physically and spiritually, and that they would see the difference in us, and that they would see the love of Christ in us.

Please pray that these children would come to know their heavenly Father — that they would know that

**Colossians 4:2:** "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; and pray for us also, that God may open to us a door for the word..."

the Father loves them, and that they would grasp what Jesus did for them.

Pray that the word would be deeply planted in their hearts, that they would always have that child-like faith.

**PROVERBS 22:6** says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Let's continue to train them up and fill them up with the Word of God.

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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## Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

### All our outreaches focus on the gospel

**W**e were blessed on our first outreach of the season with the hot dog cart. The Lord was faithful in giving us a beautiful night to start the East Rochester outreach.

He also was faithful in bringing out the adults and children to listen to the message on Proverbs 1 given by Bob, a brother in the Lord. He spoke to an attentive group about listening to the wise counsel of God's word.

**BOB SPOKE** about how God's word can help us live good lives and avoid the lure of deceit and deception that is in the world. He also mentioned how God's word is for everyone, and that parents have the responsibility to teach God's word to their children.

In a world as chaotic as ours it's so important not only to read God's word but to put it in action. God gives us Scripture to help us live according to His will. Every day we make choices — some we make according to what God wants for our lives, and some we don't. The more we read God's word and keep it in our hearts the more we will make the right choices.

**WE SERVED** the hot dogs and gave away a lot of goods to the people who were very appreciative. It was good to see some of the people again, and some new faces as well.

It was especially good to see this

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*The gospel is delivered at The Pines of Perinton outreach.*

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one boy again. He is a child who has been coming since we started and is always eager to help when we're setting up and tearing down. We can't believe how much he has grown and matured.

**WHEN WE** were getting ready to leave Anne asked a young boy if he wanted a Bible and he was so excited to receive one, it reminded me of what Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). We should all be as excited about God's word as that young boy.

We also had our outreach at The Pines of Perinton, with mostly the same people who have been coming, and a few new faces. The people who come look forward to the outreach every month to praise God with worship music, hear good, sol-

id teaching from Pastor Dan, and share in a meal prepared for them.

Pastor Dan gave a message about knowing for sure if we are saved by the blood of Christ.

**IF WE** do good works to tip the scales in our favor, and think those good works will save us, we have to ask, "Am I truly saved?" The right motive for doing good works is to please God because we love Him, not because we are trying to earn our way to heaven.

Nothing can save us but the shed blood of Jesus Christ and our belief that He died in our place for our sins, and because He rose from the grave we have the assurance that we will someday be with Him in heaven.

**WE ARE** encouraged to know that the message of the gospel is being heard every time these outreaches take place and that God's word never returns void!

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

*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](mailto:frivaldo@outlook.com)*

## God Speaks Through the City

Part 27 Samuel 2:7-8

By a servant in Christ

### Money can corrupt us or help us honor God

**W**hile terrified with fear of the Lord, Job referred to the Almighty as being "...unique, and who can make Him change?" This story describes how a changeable earthly article, the dollar, can be used in two opposite ways.

Although 1 Timothy 6:10 teaches that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil," we are also guided to give tithes, gifts to the needy, and to "Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine" (Proverbs 3:9-10).

**UNFORTUNATELY, THE** dollar often becomes an idol, is coveted, or used to satisfy our flesh.

The common expression, "the almighty dollar" is a clear example of idolatry. Are we honoring or dishonoring the Lord with the dollar? In the story that follows God spoke through one of the poorest neighborhoods we minister to shed His light on this question.

**TURNOUT WAS** on the light side for this location and servants were walking around the neighborhood inviting people to the outreach. Across the street I noticed a lady with a little boy by a grocery store.

As I approached them, the little

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### Outreach needs

**Toiletries:** Conditioner and disposable razors.

**Spiritual food:** Children's Bibles and Bible story books.

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boy, "Dion," beat me to the punch. He quickly stretched out his hand holding a dollar bill saying, "Take this dollar. You need it..." I chuckled considering my dress code, not always the best. "Thank you so much!" I replied. "But I want you to keep that dollar. Your mom can help you use it!"

**DION WAS** persistent. His arm stretched out harder as he insisted, "No, no, you take it. You need it a lot more than I do!" What a blessing this was!

I spoke with the mother and she told me that little Dion had "the heart of Jesus" in him. Wonders never cease with the Lord! I signaled with my hands "stay put" and ran across the street to find a kiddie tract, candy, one of our Ten Commandments silver coins to give the little angel. I rummaged, picked up a couple of things, ran back, but they were gone.

**DISAPPOINTED,** I noticed an elderly man, "Chuck," sitting right across the street absorbing the message Pastor Russ was preaching. After the message was done, Chuck shared how he loved the Lord and

how he was blessed by his family's involvement with their church.

**I INVITED** him to cross the street, but Chuck said he would rather have others with greater need get the groceries and hot meal. We said goodbye, and as I started to head back a young lady stopped me saying, "Excuse me... could you help me stand my bike up?" Sure, I said, although it was not clear why she needed my help.

After I propped her bike up and put on the bike stand, she thanked me and walked across the street. "Alicia" looked very young, healthy, and in good shape. Why did she ask me for help? No clue at the time. I walked back to bless people with free food and groceries.

**THE LINE** dwindled and I left my position behind a table. Alicia then came over softly saying, "Can I talk with you?" She proceeded to warn me that the man I had talked to across the street had come on to her to engage in vulgar activities. I was surprised, Chuck seemed like a nice man, but one never knows. Alicia started to point out neighborhood people, calling them "stalkers." "They come for me to get what they want." Abruptly, she changed the topic and asked, "Can you give me a dollar?" My first silly thought was that I should have taken Dion's dollar.

I responded that we were not supposed to give away money, but that I would love to share something having much greater value, the gospel. Alicia softened her voice, approached me a little too close, saying she really wanted more money — at least five dollars. I tried to put an end to the conversation telling her that Jesus loved her and would provide for her needs.

**IN RESPONSE,** Alicia became hostile, shouting, "I have read your

Bible and ain't gonna read it again!! By the way, Jesus was the son of Joseph, not the son of God!! I went to church as a little girl and got ----- (detailed description of sexual abuse) by the church bishop!! Is that the man of God you are???"

**"A SOFT** answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1) is necessary but not always easy.

Was Alicia telling the truth about Chuck? The "stalkers"? Her church bishop? Too many inconsistencies and motives at play here. Truths or not, Alicia is in great need of prayer.

**ONE THING** I was sure about. A dollar offering by a six-year-old to honor the Almighty lifts up, while a desire for the "almighty dollar" brings low. As Hannah prayed in Samuel, all our riches are given to us by His grace and serve His purpose, not ours.

1 Samuel 2:7-8: "The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory."



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