



Psalm 132:15: I will satisfy her poor with bread.



The grocery line 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

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We reach places we can't fathom

Throughout the newsletters of The Father's Heart we have shared many stories of lives being touched on the streets of Rochester and the surrounding areas. John 15:8 says, "By this My Father is glo-

rified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

THE LORD has been so faithful lately to show the ministry fruit from beyond the streets. We want to share with you a few stories that we have heard about recently.

We received a letter in the mail from an inmate in Cayuga Correctional Facility who heard about the ministry at a local church where he accepted the Lord. While in prison he asked for a booklet about the ministry.

THE BOOKLET stirred up the hearts of him and another gentleman to do something for the needy. They received permission to plant a vegetable garden, and all the produce goes to a local food pantry in Moravia, N.Y. Praise God!

Now let's take you out of New York

State to Pennsylvania, where a Calvary Chapel fellowship is in the midst of planting a church in Reading. The pastor watched our video online and then contacted our friends.

HE TOLD them that he was weeping at the end of the video because he had been asking the Lord for a vision for that church. Now he knows what they are going to do, Lord willing. They are possibly going to start a soup bus ministry.

Then there is another church in York, Pennsylvania that is building a food trailer to minister to the needy, and asked to show our video to their church to illustrate the vision and stir up the flock.

THEN LET'S go out of the country. A pastor we know in Bogota, Col-

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ombia sent us a text: "I was telling the top brass of the Assemblies of God in Bogota, Colombia tonight. They have a serious problem with homelessness and I was suggesting they set up a fleet of buses like yours. I showed them your Facebook pics and they loved the idea."

"I **DON'T** know if anything will come of it, but I want you to know that what you are doing is a blessing to any I share it with. God bless you and stay bold my friend."

It truly blesses us to see that the ministry is reaching areas that we never imagined. We pray that it stirs up the heart of His children to be His hands and feet extended in love to the hurting and lost.

LUKE 14:23: "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'"

Love in Christ,
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria



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Not just for kids: Erin Chervenak of Open Air Campaigners uses a sketch board to explain God's plan of salvation to children of all ages at a Geneva outreach.

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

We look forward to God's use of us

As cold weather approaches it's time to put away things we associate with summer. One of those things is the hot dog cart and the outreach in East Rochester on Magnolia Street.

THE TIME spent there was good, as we gave the good news to people the Lord brought who needed to hear it. The ministry there may be just part of a broader ministry that we hope will move to other parts of the Rochester area. Over the winter the hot dog cart will undergo some needed improvements, and we hope we will receive permission to go to more locations.

OUR VISION is to see the hot dog cart and the ministry go to areas that are in real need of hearing the

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good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. We are excited to see what the Lord will do, and how He will use this ministry to draw non-believers to Him.

WE WERE at The Pines of Perinton in October and were treated to a great message from Pastor Dan's brother. He spoke on what it means to be born again. We had a delicious meal and a good time of fellowship.

Everyone was receptive of the message that was shared and very appreciative of us being there. We saw a few new faces and we pray that they will come back.

BEING BORN again doesn't just amount to saying a prayer; it is a new life in Christ that will change us forever. As we make that commitment to Jesus He changes us day by day, week by week and year by year, to form us into His image.

Our hope and prayer is that the people who hear God's message of salvation through His Son Jesus will accept His free gift and join the family of God. As we see the times changing it is imperative that people hear the gospel. The Father's Heart and all its outreaches are one way to accomplish this

THIS MONTH is our Thanksgiving outreach at The Pines of Perinton and we will have a traditional meal with all the trimmings. We ask for your prayers for a large turnout and that the message to be shared will be received by everyone who comes, and most of all that their hearts would be given to the Lord.

1 Peter 1:23: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

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 29: Ephesians 6:13-19
By a servant in Christ

We oppose God's foes by spreading His love

In Matthew 5:11, Jesus says, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

Being reviled at The Father's Heart outreaches is an expectation, not a surprise. Lately, however, disruptions and conflict seem to be on the rise. This story takes place on Jefferson Avenue, one of our most challenging and rewarding locations.

AS I walked across the street from where the soup bus parked, it was hard to miss a man sitting in a car yelling insults and obscenities at us. His anger was off the scale. He was surrounded by other people from the neighborhood who did not ac-

tively support his behavior but still seemed to condone it.

I considered three options: walk across the street and help set up, walk the streets to draw people to the outreach, or confront the angry man in the car. Comfort or conflict?

THROUGH THE power of the Holy Spirit I was led toward conflict. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

I approached "Alfonse" and said hello. Alfonse sensed I was part of the outreach, so he redirected his animosity at me. "You people come here once a month thinking you're going to feed and help the neighborhood!! You give yourselves high five's, feeling good about yourselves!! You done nothing for us, but you think you own the neighborhood and take over OUR space to preach your (expletive) religion!!"

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CALMLY, I knelt on the curb while resting my arms on the passenger seat window, so we could talk face-to-face. Neighborhood people around us didn't know where this was going and neither did I.

I mentioned to Alfonse that our purpose for being there was NOT to feel good about ourselves but to serve the Lord by serving them, bringing His word to people in need of Jesus.

THAT COMMENT brought out more rage: "If you want to help this neighborhood, come here EVERY DAY. Not just come once a month for a (expletive) ceremony to make you feel good. Go back to your suburbs!! You got no idea what this place is all about!! YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING HERE EXCEPT LEAVE YOUR GARBAGE IN THE LOT WHEN YOU LEAVE!!"

Trying to control my anger, I thanked God for bringing mental images of Ephesians 6:13-19:

"THEREFORE TAKE up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand ... above

all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ... and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel."

ALTHOUGH TENSION blurred these verses in my brain, their message was loud and clear in my heart. Put on His armor and share His truth with boldness.

After listening to more ranting, I was finally able to get a word in edgewise, "May I reply to your comments?" "SURE!!" Alfonse yelled. I started out addressing a material misstatement making him aware that every time we go to a neighborhood, we pick up our trash and even trash that was there before us. Alfonse called me out as a liar saying he would check the lot himself after we were gone.

MY NEXT comment addressed spiritual misstatements he made about the ministry: "For His glory, not ours, we come to share His gospel. People in this neighborhood over the years have accepted Jesus as Savior and changed their ways. They have overcome anxiety, drugs, and hopelessness thanks to Jesus, not us."

Alfonse remained combative: "So you have helped one, two people, ten people, whatever. BIG DEAL!! Don't just help people one at a time, help EVERYONE!!"

I SHARED the parable of the lost sheep and how much the shepherd cares about the one sheep; every single person matters to Jesus. Regarding going there every day, I pointed out: "Yes, we could come

here every day. But, what about people at Hudson Avenue, Lyell Avenue, Lake Avenue, South Avenue and other neighborhoods that need Jesus?"

TO THAT, Alfonse replied: "I don't care about those places, just care about my neighborhood. Living in the ghetto is something none of you know anything about!"

Hmm... considering I have lived in neighborhoods as bad or worse than Jefferson Avenue, came to this country with my parents as refugees, not speaking English, literally penniless, only with the clothing we wore, my parents' wedding rings taken from them, without a place to live, Alfonse's comment opened the door for a testimony. He listened.

THE ARMOR was now in place. The belt of truth was buckled and holding me up. Shoes had placed me at Jefferson Avenue to share the gospel of peace. The sword of the Spirit was with me with the word of God.

Part 2 of the story, in The Father's Heart newsletter for January-February 2019, will reveal how the love of Jesus for friend and foe can bring peace to our most heated battles.

Outreach needs

Clothing: Winter hats, coats, gloves and scarves.

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

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.

Newer van needed

The converted bus that has been our mobile soup kitchen since 2011 is on its last legs. We are looking for a used step van or something similar with low miles. Anyone who knows of a possible replacement can call (585) 472-4070.