



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."

Psalm 141:2: Let my prayer be set before You as incense...



Servants pray with a woman during an outreach at Andrews Terrace apartments in Rochester.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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Share Christ's love wherever you are

1 John 4:12 says, "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."

As 1 Corinthians 13:13 says about

love, "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

WHAT A blessing it is to show the love of Christ to a hurting world. At The Father's Heart we have the opportunity at every outreach to show this love to the people of Rochester and the surrounding area.

Every week we come across new people at the ministry. We may see a young child crying, or teenagers standing around looking like they just don't fit in, a woman broken over her addiction, or a man homeless.

EVERY WEEK we ask to pray with them, and give them a hug or a smile. But most importantly we

speak the word of God into their lives, tell them that there is a hope, there is a love that will never fail, and that those things are found in Jesus Christ.

WE AREN'T going to write a personal story this time for the newsletter, or a story of a person on the streets who came to know the Lord. We want to encourage you to share the love of Christ wherever you are today; whether it be at a grocery store, work, in your home, or out with us on the streets of Rochester. We are called to do this; we are called by our heavenly Father to get out there, even more so when we see the day approaching. May we

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all hear the voice of the Lord calling us to go; go and preach the Good News.

Our prayer is that we will all be stirred up and filled with the Holy Spirit to be His vessels wherever we go.

WE WANT to encourage you with the testimony of a sister who came to the Lord at an outreach.

A woman accepted the Lord and she is now attending Lamp Community Church on Hudson Avenue.

She was baptized the other week and is growing in the Lord. Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to see the fruit.

FROM TIME to time the Lord is faithful to show us a portion of what He is doing here, just to keep us from getting discouraged. He reminds us that no labor done for Him is done in vain. Thank you, Lord, for letting us see the harvest. May we continue to be those seed planters.

Love in Christ,

Russ and Anne Loria



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Thank you!

Editor's note: After the woman Pastor Russ and Anne wrote about was baptized (photo at right), Pastor Dan Soto of Lamp Community Church said he had heard remarks that those who profess to receive Jesus Christ at outreaches do it only for the food and don't follow through by attending a fellowship. He wrote:

"THE TRUTH is that when the devil's mouth is moving, all that comes out is a lie. Don't let the devil use you to speak negatively against the movement of the Holy Spirit in soul-winning and evangelism. This sister received Jesus at a Father's Heart altar call and yesterday she was baptized."

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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A new believer declares her faith.

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

Pray for growth in new believers

It's hard to believe another summer is ending soon. It's been a long, hot summer, and I think the heat affected the turnout of some of the outreaches. Regardless of how many come to the outreaches, we remain faithful to the Lord and continue to preach the gospel to whomever He brings.

WE WERE on vacation the second Thursday of the month so we were unable to bring the hot dog cart to the East Rochester outreach, but the outreach went on as scheduled through the capable hands of other servants.

This was a great blessing. All can share the gospel, and the Lord uses

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all of us to accomplish it as long as we are willing. Pizza was served instead of hots and hamburgers, and still the people appreciated it. But more importantly, God's word went forth and seeds were planted.

WE GOT back from vacation in time to serve at Pinnacle Place. There was a good turnout, although a little less than normal. The gospel was shared and a few people asked for prayer.

We served pizza from Little Caesars; may the Lord bless them for their donations each week. Without the donations from all the different stores, The Father's Heart outreaches would not be possible. Please keep them all in your prayers and thank God for every one of them and their heart to give.

AT THE Pines of Perinton, a gospel message was given by Pastor Dan Skelton from Fairport Christian Fellowship. He shared from John, 1 John and Genesis. Although the turnout was light, those who were there heard a good message from God's word, and were blessed.

Some people who live at the Pines are now attending Pastor Dan's church. This is what we are praying for. Once people come to Christ we need to help them find a church that they can attend regularly and be fed the word of God. Every believer needs to be in fellowship with other believers if they are to grow and remain strong in the faith.

SO THIS is our prayer: that everyone who is ministered to by The Father's Heart will not only receive Jesus, but will also grow in the faith.

Please pray for new believers — that they stay committed to Jesus and grow in the faith, and that they too can be used to spread the gos-

pel and add to the kingdom of God.

THERE ARE so many people who need to hear the good news and time is getting short. Salvation and hope for this dying world can be found only in JESUS CHRIST.

We are living in the last days, and it is more important than ever before to reach out to all unbelievers. Many people believe that politicians and world leaders have answers for the problems in our world. The only answer is Jesus. It's every believer's responsibility to pray and share the love of Christ to a fallen world. Pray for revival for our nation.

MATTHEW 9:36-38 says: "When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

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: Children's and teens' clothing and men's jeans.

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

God Speaks Through the City

Part 16: Romans 8:38-39

By a servant in Christ

The love of Jesus defeats all hate

It was July 9, 2016, two days after five police officers were killed in Dallas. A few days before, two black men were killed by police in Louisiana and Minnesota. There was sorrow, rage, and fear throughout our country.

AMIDST THE chaos, God's presence at two outreaches of The Father's Heart brought about unity rather than division and love rather than hate. "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Servants gathered at headquarters that Saturday. Pastor Russ prayed passionately as we held hands in a circle that included white, black, and Hispanic servants. After the word was shared, I ministered to a young black man. We quickly became comfortable with each other.

WHEN I brought up my recently deceased mother, he became quiet and hugged me while saying, "I will pray for you." His grace transcended race and age, providing a sharp contrast to our country's divided state. 1 Samuel 16:7 comes to mind: "For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

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A few days later we went to an outreach on Jefferson Avenue. An elderly black man I had previously met approached me along with his friend and said, "Let me introduce you to my brother..." To clarify, the brother he referred to was me. A hug followed. How could he view me as his brother during these trying times? Where was the scorn, where was the hate? More hugs were shared that day.

NOT ALL went smoothly at the outreach. A white servant who parked his car legally in front of a house was insulted with racial epithets and threatened. The servant was quite troubled, but still his response was: "Jesus loves you."

Across the street, a group of eight teens were mocking us. I started crossing the street to talk with them but a neighborhood lady advised me against it.

I THANKED her for the advice but still made my way to meet the young men. When they saw me coming, conversations stopped. I offered them food, drinks, and gro-

ceries in the name of Jesus. Nobody took me up on it.

ABOUT A half hour later I decided to take them drinks and fruit salad. They seemed surprised. Although three of them remained hostile, five accepted my offerings by nodding their heads. I was struck by one of the young men who appeared to be the leader.

After I crossed the street and went back to work at the tables it was surprising to see the leader coming over. He went to the bus and got some pizza and a drink. He then saw me by the tables, came over, and thanked me by putting out his fist for a "fist bump." He went back and convinced two other young men to cross the street. I prayed that the Lord had planted a seed.

THE HARVEST field was plentiful that day. I went to a small grocery store and invited the owner, "Ahmed," to join us. He expressed concerns: "I am Muslim. You don't want me there..." I responded, "Yes we want you there because Jesus loves you." He reflected, smiled, and shook my hand, saying, "God bless you. Thank you." He closed the store and came over to the outreach.

After the crowd thinned, we ended the outreach in prayer. Russ then announced some tragic news. A terrorist in Nice, France had just plowed down hundreds of innocent people. We prayed for the victims and condemned the heinous crime. Not surprisingly my visceral response was fury. Thank God I was guided by the Holy Spirit and silently prayed for Ahmed's salvation.

HATRED IS a quality of fallen man. God's message at The Father's Heart revealed the truth: Jesus is the Master Unifier.

He provided unity through the



A servant gives a meal to children at a Jefferson Avenue outreach.

young black man who expressed his sorrow for my mother, through the insulted white servant blessing the perpetrator with the love of Jesus, through the many cross-racial hugs, through the elderly black man who introduced me as his brother to a friend, through the young gang leader who fist-bumped me, and through the Muslim man who was drawn to our outreach and asked God to bless me.

THE LOVE of Jesus is mightier than any weapon. LET US NEVER CONCEAL IT.

Romans 8:38-39 says: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Prayer request

We are praying that someone who does house siding will come forward to help provide and install siding for part of the headquarters on Lake Avenue.

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