



THE FATHER'S HEART



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"

Galatians 2:10 All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

UPDATE FROM RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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Matthew 1:23 says, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

We can't help but to reflect on this scripture at this time of year and meditate on all that is in this single passage. GOD with us: it is awe inspiring to think about Jesus coming to this earth over 2000 years ago to take on the form of a man to bear the sins of the world. From that moment until this present day, He is still with us. And for those that call upon His name they will be with Him for eternity.

At The Father's Heart we have seen this to be true at every outreach, whether it be on the bus, at The Cadillac, or at the Pines of Perinton. God is there! God Shows Up!!!! He is present in every meal that is served, in every drink that is poured, in every item of clothing that is given, and in every message that is preached. His love is being extended to the people. We couldn't do anything, or want to do this ministry, without HIM.

God is there and we praise Him for His Spirit, for His Compassion, and for His faithfulness in everything in this ministry. John 3:34 says, "I give My Spirit in unlimited measure." Boy, does He, especially when we are just willing to be an empty vessel for Him. It was one outreach in the fall that a young boy-we would say about 8 years old-came up to the bus after the message was preached and said,

"Jesus is everything, without Him I wouldn't exist, the world would not exist. I love Jesus." Now if that is not the Spirit we don't know what is. Out of the mouth of babes..... this boy was a little evangelist for his family and for us.

We praise God as this New Year begins that we have Christ and that He has made Himself so evident at each and every outreach. Our prayer for each and every one is that we would all live by His Spirit and not our flesh, in this coming year. May all of us reach out in some way and share the love of Christ to someone. It could be at work, out shopping, at church, at a family gathering, or at The Father's Heart or some other ministry in which you might be involved in.

Hebrews 13:5-6 says, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said,

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I will never leave you nor forsake you, So we may boldly say: The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Let us remember this scripture. The Helper is with us each and every moment of our lives. He lives in us: let's not fear men's faces but let us only fear God. In this coming year, let us all do the work of an evangelist; let us press on.

We think of the old hymn Onward Christian Soldiers and some of the lyrics:

"Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; Forward into battle see His banners go! At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee; On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory! Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, But the church of Jesus constant will remain. Gates of hell can never against that church prevail; We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song. Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King, This through countless ages men and angels sing. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before."

Let's march on Brothers and Sisters of the King and remember that Christ is the Victor in All Things and He is the Savior of the World! Let us spread the Good News to all that we can!

In Christ –
Russ and Anne



CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS
FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

The Cadillac

Contributed by Frank and Diane Rivaldo

It was a typical night at the Cadillac Hotel. We always go to the Lake Avenue house first to get all our supplies, clothes, etc. We meet a faithful servant who is there each time to help load the truck. We are so thankful to the faithful servants that cook the meals on their given Thursday, with cheerful giving hearts. We are blessed by those that take turns to share the message of hope to the tenants at the hotel.

We pray every week that just one person will open their heart to the words that are spoken and have that nudging inside and that it would become so real to them. It is so important for them to know that the whole night is inspired by the Lord and we are just His hands and feet. We rely on the Holy Spirit to orchestrate the events that take place.

This was not any different than any other night at the Cadillac. God is faithful and loves these sisters and brothers and we all do what we do because of Him.

The Lord sent forth a sister that was in need of prayer and she shared that she had just gotten out of the hospital with a chest infection. She was very eager for prayer and we believe the Lord cleansed her afterwards with her tears of joy.

We pray that the Lord will move among this place and bring souls to Christ. Walking with our Jesus is the answer for all of our problems. We pray that God will continue to bless this ministry. Serving the King is the only way to spend our life on this earth. Get involved and take that step of faith

and God will see you through.

"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD! Joshua 24:15.

Love in Christ,
Frank and Diane Rivaldo



The Pines of Perinton

Contributed by Scott and Robin Wilson

What a blessing the month of November was. The residents of the Pines have been asking us to come twice a month. We have been praying for months and the ministry decided that November would be the trial month to see how it would go. It was a great showing of people both times. Our first outreach on November 16th we had roughly thirty five residents come out for a hot meal. One of the residents whose name is Beverly, took a woman aside and told her she didn't come for food, but that she just needed God. That day her life was changed forever, she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior-Amen!! John 3:16

About forty five came out to the November 30th for a big Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Faithful servants prepared or bought food to serve, one family cooked three

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turkeys and every piece was dished out with zero leftovers! The Rochester Institute of Technology also donated many food items to share with the residents.

We had some teens come out and serve from a local church, two of whom sang for the residents. What a blessing it is to see young folks serve the Lord with joy in their hearts. The residents were so excited to have The Fathers Heart Ministry come twice in a month, to eat and hear the Word of God. We are so very blessed to serve such a loving God.



GOD Speaks Through the City Part 4: Romans 5:1-5

Our series continues on a Friday evening at the Father's Heart Ministry outreach on Clinton Avenue. As most of the neighborhoods we visit, this location has its own distinctive culture and feel. On this Friday at Clinton, Spanish was heard throughout. It was mingled with English at times in what is sometimes known as "Spanglish". Regardless of the language, God speaks through the city and His voice is heard if we listen. This

night was no exception, and what a night it was. The Holy Spirit flowed mightily through an 86 year old woman of faith born in the rural mountains of Puerto Rico.

The servants worked hard setting up as always. Tables were up, food was in place, music played, and long lines formed. The crowd was impatient for the proceedings to begin and there was some jousting going on for line position. In the middle of this agitation, my eye caught an elderly woman who very slowly made her way toward us using a walker. Every one of her steps seemed a monumental struggle. Once there, she stood calmly in contrast with the excitable crowd. After the Word was shared, the elderly woman, whom we will call "Esperanza", was served food by one of our servants. She turned around slowly and sat on a short dividing wall as she began to eat. I asked if I could sit next to her, so she smiled and patted an unoccupied spot next to her.

The Lord led me there for a reason. Esperanza was very articulate and shared wonderful stories of her birth, early life, and recent immigration to the United States. As we spoke, my eyes wondered to a colorful scarf she was wearing. She noticed and said smiling, "Look! I do not have much hair left!" She pulled up her scarf and showed me part of her head. She continued: "I have been diagnosed with three bad cancers around my head and neck and I'm having chemo". Esperanza is a perceptive woman and saw sadness on my face. Surprisingly, her demeanor became upbeat as she said: "The cancer has never upset or depressed me. I have strong faith and trust in the Lord and everything I receive comes from Him. Whether it is love from

my children or cancer. I receive both of them with joy." You can imagine that I was left speechless. All I could do is praise the Lord. Paul found the joy of the Lord while in prison and Esperanza found the joy of the Lord in her serious cancer condition. Instead of adding commentary, let me continue sharing Esperanza with you.

"Yes when I had my first chemo treatment it was very harsh. After my treatments, I ask the driver not to take me home but to drive me around the countryside." I asked if she wanted to get her mind off her pain and suffering. She clarified: "No, I just didn't want to be surrounded by concrete walls and articles made by man. I wanted to absorb the beauty of trees, hills, lakes and be close to God's creation" I nodded in understanding with goose bumps all over my body. She went on to share some wonderful stories of joy and hardship with ZERO bitterness or self-pity. We conversed for close to an hour and she told me she was happy to have me as a new friend. The feeling was mutual.

Toward the end of this amazing discussion, she showed me a rubber band bracelet she was wearing. The word "HOPE" was printed on it. Since Esperanza was not sure if I understood English, she asked me if I knew what that word meant. I said yes. She then said to me. "If someone would offer me to trade this bracelet made of rubber for one made of gold, I would refuse. You see, there is no hope in gold, there is only hope in Jesus". She saw my eyes water and my chin quiver as I stood up to hug her. She held me away with her arm and told me to wait. Esperanza then struggled to get up using her walker. After she

was up, she released her walker and leaned her weight on me as we hugged. After the loving hug, she told me she needed to go back to her apartment building across the street. I offered my help since this would be a very long walk for her in traffic. She smiled, told me that was very sweet saying "I thank you but that is OK, God always protects me."

I stood and watched her go slowly across the street which seemed to take an eternity. After she finally made it, it reminded me of what God told Joshua in a different context but with the same universality: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9). Joshua's crossing of the Jordan River was an epic act of courage and faith but as I watched Esperanza cross Oakman Street, I saw a similar courage strengthened by faith. Funny thing that whenever I drive past that intersection, Oakman Street brings to mind the Jordan River. Esperanza ministered to me that day. She brought the Holy Spirit

with her from the rural mountains of Puerto Rico to Clinton Avenue, Rochester. There is hope in the Lord. There is joy in the Lord. There is love in the Lord. Regardless.

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:1-5)

A servant in Christ

Ministry Needs

We go through many paper plates with all the outreaches each week from Thursday to Saturday. If feeling led to donate some large foam paper plates it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Russ.

Donation of the Month



**January-Soap
February-Deodorant**



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A note from the editor:

Preparing this newsletter every few months has been such a blessing to me. I continue to be in awe at what the Lord is doing with this ministry! It is so clear that our Lord is behind everything that takes place and it shows in how much it has grown. I think of **Philippians 4:19** so many times when I think on how He provides. Providing for the ministry and for the people we serve. **"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."**

It is time for me to pass the newsletter on to another. A name you all might remember seeing in the Democrat and Chronicle is Mr. Michael Zeigler. Mike is a brother in the Lord that has graciously offered to take it over! He has been retired for a few years now and this is a perfect fit for him to serve the Lord. God providing once again!

If anyone has any info that is newsletter worthy, please touch base with him directly. While out on an outreach-Have a story to share, a photo or a blessing? Mike would love to hear from you. Don't keep it to yourself, share what the Lord has done! It is so heartwarming to hear how the Lord is working in the lives of His saints as we volunteer for such an alive ministry!

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God Bless each and everyone of you, see you out on the streets of Rochester!

Happy New Year!

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