



Matthew 18:3: Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.



A child is cuddled at an Andrews Terrace 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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Jesus is everything we'll ever need

We just got back from a much-needed time away in Florida. It was a time of refreshment, relaxing and sitting, and taking in the beauty of creation.

Many of the people around us

were snowbirds and at times we thought, "Wow, that would be nice to have a month off from the daily tasks, work, etc."

BUT SOON the Lord put on our hearts that we would be bored with this after a few weeks. We need to be busy with the Lord's work — not to say that you can't do that on vacation, for wherever we go we are to be a light and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

As we drove along the coast we looked at the big houses on the beach, the people eating at high-end restaurants and driving their fancy cars, and it kept hitting us that all this won't matter in the end. All that will matter is what we have done on earth for Jesus Christ, and whether we knew Him and confessed Him as our Savior and King.

WE DEVELOPED a fresh urgency to be about His business. We noticed all these walls and gated communities and couldn't help but think how so many people build up walls around themselves, whether it be material possessions, greed, pride, etc.

We pray that the Lord would break down those walls that keep people from coming to the Lord. Let's face it, saints; times are dark and getting darker. The lines are being drawn in the sand between the darkness and the Light.

AS WE arrived back home the weather was beautiful. At The Father's Heart we know that the outreaches will get bigger and the lines will get longer during the warm months.

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Only Jesus can give us what we really need

Seeing the name of this boat ("Never Enough") on our vacation in Florida made us think of the scripture, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Jesus is enough. He is everything — all that we will ever need. The things of this world, all the material things, will fade away. At times we covet what we see around us and we have to take a minute and say, "I have Christ in me. He has given me the gift of eternal life, which is all I need." Everlasting life in Jesus — that is enough, more than enough!

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WILL THE people come for food, clothes, and a hot meal? Yes, but our prayer is that every person who comes will be ministered to by the Lord, and that they would leave knowing who Jesus Christ is and why He came to this earth. We pray that some, if not all, will leave knowing Him as their Lord and Savior and as a new creature in Him.

YOU SEE, the people we minister to on the streets of Rochester and the surrounding counties are in need physically and materially. But most of all they are in need spiritually — they just don't know it. They are no different from the people who live in the mansions on the ocean and drive the fancy cars. All people need to hear the good news of the gospel. Our prayer and encouragement is that if you have never come out to The Father's

Heart ministry or gotten involved in any ministry, that you do so, that you step out and let the Lord use you in a mighty way.

IT SAYS in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Please pray for the ministry if you can't come out, as the next few months will be busy.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 says, "pray without ceasing." Pray for our nation, pray for the ministry, pray for your brothers and sisters in the Lord and pray for those who are lost and need to be found. Pray that those who build walls of complacency, idolatry, covetousness and contentment in the things of this world would cease and that they would come to know the King, the true Prince of Peace.

In Christ — Russ and Anne Loria

Pines of Perinton

By Scott and Robin Wilson

We walk by faith as God opens doors

Hebrews 11:6: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him..."

Every month faithful servants hand out 500 fliers at the Pines of Perinton, inviting people to come join us for food and fellowship.

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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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Children and adults hear the gospel during an outreach at Pines of Perinton.

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By faith, we know that God will send only those He wants to hear the gospel that day.

BY FAITH, we know that that the amount of food prepared for that day will always be enough and no one will leave hungry.

There are times that the place is crowded and there is standing room only.

THIS PAST month was a little different. We had four regulars and a table full of children. We were over-

joyed to see God working in this place, because those children are all Muslim children.

Scott spoke from the book of John,



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Thank you!

The Lord opened doors that could only have been opened by Him.

It's not in us, but through Him.

The Pines of Perinton outreach is held on the third Saturday of every month. To serve, contact Scott and Robin Wilson at (585) 402-5756.

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

As we serve others we're also blessed

It is hard to believe another year has gone by, and we are anticipating bringing the gospel to the people of East Rochester again.

We are looking forward to ministering to the families in Northside Park on Magnolia Street. It is a perfect spot to minister because of all the teens and young children who come there.

WE WILL once again be serving hotdogs and hamburgers cooked on our hotdog cart, along with a side dish which someone always makes. And of course we will also give out bread, vegetables, and other foods donated by so many

generous companies. We thank God for the donations that make The Father's Heart what it is today.

AND WE also thank God for all the people who give of their time to help out. We are really blessed to see the happy faces on those we serve, and to pray with those who are in need of prayer — whether it is to receive Jesus or a special need they may have.

In a world that is so messed up it is a privilege to be able to offer help through the hope we have in Jesus, our Lord and wonderful Savior. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1).

AS SPRING is beginning to unfold we can see the goodness of God and the newness of life all around us. We serve an awesome God and we want others to know Him and the love He has for all of us.

We will have our first outreach of this year at Northside Park on May 12, God willing, if the weather is good.

Everything continues to go well at Pinnacle Place on South Clinton Avenue. The crowds are always large and appreciative of us being there.

OUR OFFER is always there if you would like to join us some time, either at the Pinnacle or in East Rochester. Come and bless others and you will be blessed as well.

"The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." (Psalm 145:9).

Extended Ministries conducts outreaches year-round at Pinnacle Place apartments on the third Thursday of every month and from spring to fall at Northside Park in East Rochester. To serve, contact Frank and Diane Rivaldo at frivaldo@outlook.com

God Speaks Through the City

Part 14: Acts 17:26-28

By a servant in Christ

The Lord connects what man divides

Since God touches us through both teaching and worship, Christian music has been an integral part of The Father's Heart ministry. Psalm 150:3-6 provides beautiful guidance for how we can praise God through music:

"Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."



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OUR STORY takes place on a beautiful Saturday morning at Emerson and Fulton when Charles, a talented brother, shared these words in one of his songs:

"Jesus is coming back,
Since He promised that,
Read your Bible, be His disciple,
Seeking His holy revival."

These lyrics came from a Christian "rap" song. On that morning, rap music, said by some as having its "roots in evil," blessed a bitter man, leading him to Jesus.

As Christian music was being broadcast that morning, a rugged-looking man approached the outreach. He refused ministry, food and tracts. As we continued to minister to him, Charles started performing several of his songs.

SUDDENLY, CHATTER by the neighborhood people that had been heard over music by Chris Tomlin and Fernando Ortega stopped. Along with the others, our visitor, whom we will call "Andre," stopped complaining. He stood motionless, eyes wide open, and whispered in my ear: "I have never heard anything like this, amazing..."

As brother Charles continued to praise God with several songs, Andre's body trembled. His eyes watered as he shared that he was raised in the church but had gone astray. "This music is touching my heart," he said as his knees gave way and he knelt on the grass raising his arms. A brother in Christ and I knelt with him as he repented and gave his life to Jesus.

GOD SPOKE through the city. An often derided Christian musical genre connected a godless man to Jesus. The music spoke God's word in Andre's language.

We can be inflexible and try to force others to adopt our worldly

culture of choice. Luckily, God works in diverse ways that we often cannot comprehend. In Genesis, He used Babel to create diversity of language to deploy humanity across the face of the earth. "From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations." (Genesis 10:5). God's will was not for humans to live in a monolithic, closed universe, to speak the same language, or to share the same culture.

AS CHRISTIANS, it is not the color of our skin, the language we speak, the cadence of music we listen to, the neighborhood we live in, or our income that separate us. In spite of our differences, Jesus finds ways for us to connect as one

There is unity in Jesus. God provides His grace to all, "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9).

"AND HE has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'" (Acts 17:26-28).

Outreach needs

Clothing: warm-weather clothes, especially men's, and men's and women's pants.

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