



Psalm 34:8: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good...



Servants set out plenty of fresh fruit and juice at West Main and Brown streets.

Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I; send me."

UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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We walk in faith, trusting the Lord

We have some exciting news to share with all of you. After months of praying and seeking the Lord for direction, Anne will be joining the ministry full time.

2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we

walk by faith, not by sight." It is a huge step of faith on our part, but we know that God will provide.

SOMETIMES THE Lord uses trials in our lives to open new doors and we have to be faithful to walk through them. We are not to fear stepping out in faith, but to know that where God leads He will provide.

Deuteronomy 29:5 says, "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your foot."

Wow! What an amazing verse! God provided the clothing and sandals for His people and they never wore out. Why should we doubt His provision for us?

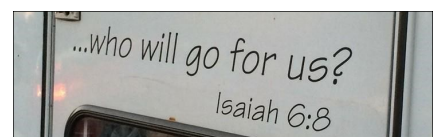
ON THE rear door of our mobile soup kitchen bus is part of this scripture from Isaiah 6:8: "Also I

heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.' "

God spoke to us to go, and we pray that we continue to be obedient to His calling.

PLEASE PRAY for us for peace that surpasses all understanding, for continued direction for the ministry, and that the Lord would fill all the workers and volunteers afresh with His Holy Spirit every day so we can continue to spread His good news to the city and surrounding areas. Thank you for all your prayers. We love you all.

God Bless — Russ and Anne Loria



Extended Ministries of The Father's Heart

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

Pray that the Lord uses our outreaches

Since the weather is changing and the days are getting shorter, it's time to put away the hot dog cart for the season at Northside Park in East Rochester.

We thank the Lord for giving us good weather every time the ministry went out to the park from June to October. We also are thankful for the people who helped at the outreaches. What a blessing you all are!

OUR THANKS also to the people who shared a gospel message at the East Rochester outreaches. I'm sure the Lord used every message to bring an awareness of His love for them to all who heard, especially the children who gathered there.



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Thank you!

There were many who requested prayer to receive Jesus, and it is so important that these young people do receive Him. We all need Jesus during these times in which we're living. Our teens and young children are being influenced by so much evil in this world, but if they receive Christ they will undoubtedly make good choices.

PLEASE KEEP the children and teens in your prayers, and pray that they would take seriously their commitment to Christ and be protected from the evils of this world.

I wasn't able to be at the Pinnacle Place apartments last month, but I heard from Pastor Russ that it went well and that a good message was given and received by the same amount of people we normally get.

THE OUTREACH at The Pines of Perinton went well, although we would have liked to have seen more people. We changed the date and we think that may have caused a low turnout. But the Lord blessed us with a great message by Pastor Dan and the worship was a blessing as well. We served pulled pork sandwiches, corn, dessert and coffee. We are looking forward to a bigger turnout this month when we have a traditional Thanksgiving meal, another great message, and a time of fellowship.

PLEASE KEEP all The Father's Heart ministries in your prayers, asking that the Lord will continue to use the outreaches to bring even more souls to salvation and a deeper relationship with our wonderful savior Jesus Christ.

"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and

clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

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 fivaldo@outlook.com

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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Servants offer food, clothing and the gospel at a nighttime outreach on Jefferson Avenue in southwest Rochester.

God Speaks Through the City

Part 17: Romans 8:26-27
By a servant in Christ

He went to bless and got blessed

I just got home from our outreach at Clinton and Oakman. It had been a difficult week in many respects, with issues involving family, work, health, and general chaos.

I have been late with most of my obligations, unable to get things done, and frustrated. Since I was late submitting an article for The Father's Heart newsletter, I asked if the deadline could be extended to midnight tonight.

I was still led to make the outreach tonight and several perceptive saints came to me saying, "You OK?" A good poker player I am not.

ALTHOUGH TIRED, I set out to walk around the neighborhood trying to be a fisher of men. No success; most people looked away or shook their heads in mockery when I spoke to them. I persisted to no avail while praying that God would bring the people as He always does.

WHEN I got back, Pastor Russ was in the word with sister Lucy translating to Spanish, blessing the mostly Hispanic crowd. I finally stood still, going from workaholic with good intentions like Martha in the gospel of Luke, and chose the "good part" like her sister Mary. "And Jesus answered and said to her: 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled by many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken from her'" (Luke 10:41-42).

WHAT A blessing that was. Even though the Pastor Russ-Lucy bilingual duet takes place every month at Clinton, tonight was somehow different. There was perfect synchronicity between the two as they shared the word, without delay and without giving their brains time to think about what came next.

Energy from the Holy Spirit flowed between them back and forth leaving open mouths in the crowd as they saw God at work through His two vessels. Not even a video I took could capture what was going on. No technology, no article, no words can describe the Lord's presence.

PEOPLE RAISED their hands for prayer, and food was provided in the name of Jesus. I helped some put their groceries and hot meals in bags with renewed energy.

The crowd eventually withered but food was still plentiful. The chicken smelled delicious but for whatever reason I did not eat and just stood there thanking Jesus for the evening.

THE SPREADSHEETS would have to wait and the article for the newsletter would not be written. Or so I thought, in my very limited wisdom. A young man approached me, walking slowly with a blank look on his face. I told him with new enthusiasm that we had free groceries, clothing, and a home-made meal in the name of Jesus. The young man, "Patrick," stood

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there saying nothing, just staring at me in the eye.

I first thought he was high since this part of Clinton is known as "Heroin Alley." Patrick was of significant stature and looked down at me as I offered him the free food and groceries. Finally, after a long, awkward minute, he said to me slowly: "I do not want food. I want prayer."

HIS WORDS came as a very pleasant surprise. We walked away from the bus into the park area. His face looked in pain while he said, "I have fallen."

He shared his hardship: recently losing his father, having a dysfunctional relationship with the rest of his family, and his new addiction to heroin. As I prayed for Patrick, he shook while tears flowed. I reassured him that God would never forsake him and trials such as his can bring us to repentance and closer to Jesus.

WITH MY hand on Patrick's heart and his hand on mine, our conversation came to a halt. As we looked at each other silently in perfect synchronicity guided by the Holy Spirit, we launched at each other to a loving hug. The tight hug probably lasted as long as Patrick's previous awkward silence. But this was different. There was no awkwardness; it felt mediated by our Father.

I asked Patrick if he would like to meet Pastor Russ. He had missed the teaching so I shared Russ' background, which surprised him. I introduced them and Russ ministered to him. Although a believer, it became clear that Patrick had not experienced true Biblical teaching from the churches he had attended.

Pastor Russ shared with the same energy he was blessed with by the



Free clothing is offered.

Holy Spirit earlier in the night. Some brothers noticed what was going on and joined the small group. It was remarkable to see Patrick's expression change as he became immersed in Bible verses that Pastor Russ shared. By now there was a "team" of six brothers in a circle hearing the word, watching Patrick's expression and heart change.

WE PRAYED, laying hands on Patrick, and then I sensed yet another change in him. He arrived with awkwardness and hesitation that turned to confession, repentance, and being broken in tears, ending with new hope through God's word.

Pastor Russ emphasized to Patrick the importance of Christian fellowship and of attending a Bible-believing church. We provided him our list of partner churches and said goodbye as he walked back to his apartment. After Patrick left, Pastor Russ said to me: "Did you notice how his expression changed as he heard the word?" Yes, that was hard to miss. Sometimes faces say a

thousand words, serving as a natural and spontaneous barometer of our hearts.

I DECIDED to leave since there was a large crew at hand to help load and unload the bus. The Lord put in my heart that I should share this story tonight. Not coincidentally, as I left a sister said goodbye to me noticing that I was now in a better place. I walked the streets with the intent to bring people to the outreach. Patrick was brought there as God guided his steps, not by my works, but by His will. The Holy Spirit stirred many hearts at Clinton and Oakman tonight. Mine included.

"LIKEWISE THE Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26-27).

It is now 11:55 p.m. and before midnight. Thank you, Jesus.

Outreach needs

Clothing: As cold weather sets in, we need winter clothes, especially coats and gloves.

Meals: Paper towels and large containers of hot cocoa mix and coffee.

Spiritual food: Bibles.

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.



The Father's Heart Mobile Soup Kitchen
Craft and Vendor Sale

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Brighton Presbyterian Church
1775 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14610
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free and open to the Public

Raffles/Door Prizes

Garbage Plate Lunch served

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Garbage Plate Lunch cost: \$10

All proceeds benefit The Father's Heart Mobile Soup Kitchen.

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