



Takin' it to the streets: Servants pray with new believers at Seneca Avenue and Norton Street.

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 RUSS AND ANNE LORIA

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Pray for humility to serve the lost

Galatians 5:16-18 and 22-25 says, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for

these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

"BUT IF you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law ... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

THAT IS our prayer: that we would be led by the Spirit with The Father's Heart ministry and that the Lord would have complete control. We pray that our

flesh would never get in the way.

NOW, I know that is impossible to never happen, for we live in this fallen world and in our imperfect bodies. But this is what we are asking for from all the saints; that you would pray for this ministry — that it would be Christ-centered, that Christ would be glorified and that He would be the One that is shown through our actions. We pray that all who come out to serve the hurt, needy and lost would be servants of our King, Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3 says, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of

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mind let each esteem others better than themselves."

SOMETIMES IN the ministry we can come out with the wrong heart, not feeling like sharing with people the love of Christ; maybe we are hurting or not feeling filled with the Spirit. We can think, "Why bother, these people aren't changing, they don't get it, they're blinded and trapped in a system they don't want to get out of."

Then we go to the outreach and we scan the crowd after the message and we all see a woman crying, a child who wants three meals because he is so hungry, or a man with tattered clothes, and we think to ourselves, "Lord, forgive me for not wanting to minister to the least of these."

THESE INDIVIDUALS are all in the same boat as we saints were before we knew Christ. They are empty, hurt, suffering and seeking the truth, and it is our honor to show them that Christ is the answer, that He is the cure for their disease, sin.

We ask all of you saints to pray; pray for the ministry as we know so many do. Pray that we would all stay humble, full of God's grace, mercy, compassion and love for all that we come into contact with. Let's all just take the time to pray every day, for the saints need encouragement.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-25 says, "And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that

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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no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

"DO NOT quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Brothers, pray for us."

We love you. Let's storm His throne together.

God Bless,
 Russ and Anne

Cadillac Hotel

By Frank and Diane Rivaldo

God touches hearts through simple acts

As we say goodbye to summer, which has been a busy but fruitful one, we are very pleased to write that The Father's Heart outreach in East Rochester is touching many hearts. We have been to the park on Magnolia Street three times, and each time we have seen as many as 50 people come out to greet us.

ON AVERAGE we serve about 60 hot dogs and 40 hamburgers, and also hand out clothes, fruits, vegetables and bread. People are very appreciative of what we are doing, and you can see it in their smiling faces.

More importantly, we show them the love of Christ by praying with them, handing out Bibles and tracts, and just listening

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to their problems. There are some who are struggling with alcohol and drug addictions. We encourage them by telling them that God loves them, and that He will help them when they call out to Him.

THE KIDS are great and they enjoy when some in our group play basketball with them and just have fun. Some of the parents as well as the kids call us by name. They are getting used to seeing us there. It is truly a blessing to know that God is touching hearts, simply by using a hot dog wagon and people who are compassionate for those who are less fortunate than themselves.

WE HOPE to continue this outreach as long as the weather holds out. We do the outreach twice a month on the second and third Thursdays of the month. We would be happy if anyone wants to join us and share the love of Christ. Also, the Cadillac Hotel outreach is done on the fourth Thursday.

We are looking forward to seeing what God will do in these outreaches.

PLEASE KEEP in prayer the outreach at Pinnacle Place apartments on Clinton Avenue. When we can no longer go to the East Rochester outreach because of the weather, we hope to start the outreach inside the Pinnacle.

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

God Speaks Through the City

Part 7: Psalm 37:25-26

By a servant in Christ

He was frustrated but not forsaken

Our Lord is with us wherever we go, guiding us in ways that we simply cannot anticipate. He provides us courage and encourages our love for others regardless of circumstances. In contrast, the enemy seeks to divide us, to make us judgmental while instilling hesitance and doubt.

OUR STORY takes place at Jefferson Avenue and Ruff Alley, an unexpected place for God to bring down barriers between two very different men. His message rang loud and clear: "And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You" (Psalm 9:10).

IT WAS a Thursday evening. The Word was shared and several people had given their hearts to Jesus. During group prayer, my attention was drawn to a car that pulled up playing extremely loud rap music, disrupting a blessed time. As I approached the car, the driver turned off the music, got out, and joined the food line. Two young men remained in the car; one was in his early 20s and the other was a

young boy. They seemed distraught. The young man, whom I will call Clarence, had his eyes closed and was grimacing. I asked them if they were all right. Startled, Clarence said "No!" The young boy stared away. Ignoring the hostile response, I asked if they wanted me to bring plates of the meal being served. The boy nodded his head "yes" but Clarence refused. Instead, Clarence started what turned out to be an amazing conversation.

"**WHY DO** I have to help everyone?" asked Clarence. "Why do I have to bail them out? I am only 22 years old, still, everyone depends on me. I am frustrated! I want to go home! I come from very far away and just need peace! I am in such a negative state that people call me 'Frustration' as a nickname!"

I told him he could always have God's peace if he would

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seek it. "He will be there when no one else is. He will love you when you feel the world has forsaken you. He will never forsake you if you seek Him. Do you know what that truly means?"

CLARENCE RESPONDED with calm and eloquence. "You are right. He will not forsake me. God only forsook His Son on the cross when He died for our sins." I nodded my head slowly and was pleasantly surprised. Clarence went on to share about himself. "As an 18-year-old I was on occasion asked by my pastor back home to share the Word and preach. I loved preaching but I am so far away from that now. All I do here is watch over people who don't know any better. I wish I were home."

Clarence repeatedly reached out across the driver's seat to hold my hand lovingly. And ... he preached. He preached passionately about God, His creation, and the blessing we received as written in Genesis. He longed for his home and had trouble seeing God and His creation in the inner city. His reference to God's creation brought to mind Jim Tetlow's amazing *God of Won-*

DVD. I told Clarence a bit about Jim and how he served God. Clarence stated with enthusiasm "Yes! I would love to watch the DVD! I will watch it all night long and be blessed!" I asked him if he wanted to eat and he agreed. "After talking to you, I know your food comes from Jesus."

I GOT the food. As he ate, Clarence proclaimed "Thank you Jesus!" I then set out to find a copy of *God of Wonders*. Unfortunately, we had none. I brought Clarence other Christian material, expressing my disappointment for coming back without what he wished for. Calmly, he reached out, held my hand, and was thankful for my effort. "Don't worry, I will read this material and watch the DVDs since they are all about God."

WE CONTINUED our discussion. Clarence suddenly stopped in mid-sentence to ask: "Where is your church? I want to go to your church." I told him we had a list of partner churches close by that I could give to him. He looked at me in the eye, clasped my hand and said: "I do not want to go to any church. I want to go to your church. As long as I'm far away from home, that's where I want to go."

AT THAT moment, the driver of the car returned and told Clarence "We have to go." Clarence responded "Hold on! He is giving me the name and address of his church and I want to write it down." The driver did not pay attention and started driving away. I followed on foot, telling him the church's name and ad-

dress. Clarence stuck his head out of the passenger's window saying my name while exclaiming, "I love you!!"

WATCHING THE car drive down Ruff Alley, I reflected on what had just happened. A gray-haired white man from the suburbs befriended a young black man in the inner city mediated by the love of Jesus. As I stood there on the street, one of the brothers asked me if I was all right. Yes, I was. I knew that Clarence will not be forsaken.

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed." (Psalm 37:25-26).



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Outreach needs for September and October

We are well-supplied with women's clothing, but have a need for men's and children's clothing.

We need paper products (towels and napkins) and disposable plates, forks and spoons.