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Ladies shop for clothing.

#### **UPDATE FROM PASTOR RUSS AND ANNE LORIA**

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# Share the Lord with all you see

t The Father's Heart we have part of Isaiah 6:8 written on the back of the food truck: "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.'"

Throughout the years you can say

we have a few people who have followed us every week. One family in particular has come every Saturday for years. They come for the groceries, but one nephew says he really comes to hear the word of God.

AS THE ministry has been with this family through many hills and valleys in their life we have been able to pray for them for healing for marriages, physical healing, provision, and for them to grow in the Lord as believers now. And we have seen many of those prayers answered.

JUST THE other week the nephew came up to the tracts and Bibles table and asked to take a couple of tracts. He said, "I am trying to share with people in my building about Jesus."

With a smile on our faces, we pray-

ed with him to continue to have the courage to go and be bold in his faith. It made us realize that this is fruit from what the Lord is doing at The Father's Heart.

Jesus says in Matthew 10:7-8, "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

**THE LORD** has allowed us at The Father's Heart to pour into this family for years, and now this family is listening to the word of the Lord, sharing the good news, and praying with others.

Another person comes to mind when we think about how the Lord is looking for His servants. There is a precious woman who has come to

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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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the outreaches lately on a weekly basis. But she is not coming for herself; she picks up people at local homeless shelters and some living on the streets and brings them to hear the word of God and to be prayed for.

**SHE IS** truly being the hands and feet of Christ and is answering the question, "who will go?"

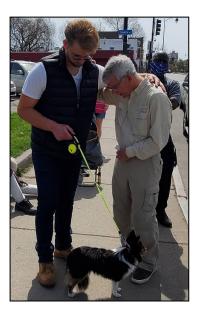
In 2021 we are closer than ever to the Lord's return. We pray for more and more fruit from The Father's Heart, that the people who come to outreaches don't leave with only a hot meal and groceries.

WE PRAY that those believers extend their hands, open their mouths and speak the words of the Lord and show the love of Christ to their neighbors and families; that, as Jesus says, "Freely you have received, freely give."

We as believers have been given the greatest gift of all: eternal life. How can we hold it in and not share it, even more so as we see the Day of the Lord approaching?

Let us go out wherever we are praying for others, sharing your testimony, and showing the love of Christ by our actions. We don't want the rocks to cry out.

WE ARE reminded of a quote from magician and professing atheist Penn Jillette, who said, "I've always said that I don't respect people who don't proselytize. I don't respect that at all. If you believe that there's a heaven and a hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and you think that it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward — and atheists who think people



A servant prays with a man with a dog at an outreach.

shouldn't proselytize and who say just leave me alone and keep your religion to yourself — how much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?"

**LET US** think on that. We pray that all at The Father's Heart and all the believers would heed the call to go. Let Jesus send you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

## **Outreach needs**

**General:** Deodorant, soap, and small bottles of shampoo and conditioner.

Donations can be dropped off at The Father's Heart headquarters, 678 Lake Avenue, Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (585) 472-4331.

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Groceries are distributed during an outreach at the ministry's headquarters.

# God Speaks Through the City

Part 43: Luke 6:22 By a servant in Christ

## She battled fear to hear the gospel

t comes as no surprise that The Father's Heart street ministry at times incites protest and anger from atheists and "religious" individuals who do not believe Jesus is God incarnate.

"HE IS the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him (Colossians 1:15-16).

THE GOSPEL has not been well-received for 2,000 years, resulting in His death on the cross and martyrdom of many followers. During Jesus' ministry John 10:33 says: "The Jews answered Him, saying, 'For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.'"

ALTHOUGH today we do not encounter Pharisees in the streets of Rochester, there are others who believe there was a Jesus but do not view him as the Second Person of the Trinity. We have had Jehovah's Witnesses shout at us while the gospel is being shared or become disruptive while sharing Watchtower magazines at our outreaches. They believe Jesus is Michael the archangel, the highest created being, and reject the Trinity.

Islam considers Jesus to be a great prophet, as was Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Muhammad, but not God. A number of times Muslims have walked away in anger after hearing Pastor Russ teach of Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except through Him. One time at the Liberty Pole a Muslim man started shouting in anger that the Bible is wrong about what it teaches.

The story that follows involves opposition to our Savior but in quite a different manner.

**THE LINE** was long at our Lake Avenue headquarters as servants were setting up and greeting people at the outreach.

As I walked down the line offering water, a tall lady, "Eliza," wearing Islamic clothing and a hijab, accepted the water and asked if she could have a chair. Elderly people and those with physical affliction often request chairs but I was a bit surprised since she seemed young and healthy.

"Absolutely! We are glad you are here!" was my response. When I brought her a chair, she thanked me

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and told me to place it next to the sidewalk away from the street.

**PASTOR RUSS** shared the gospel and Eliza listened attentively while sitting on her chair. She then went through the line and was welcomed by servants who shared Jesus with her.

After she had several bags of groceries and a couple of meals to go, she smiled at me from a distance, motioning with her hand for me to come over. When I approached her, she timidly asked me for a favor: "I am sorry, but could you please carry these bags to my car? Not now, in about ten minutes? I parked on a side street."

ALTHOUGH CONFUSED, I agreed, so she pointed me to the side street and described her car. I suggested that next time she could park right across the street at Wendy's, but she shook her head saying, "I can't do that, someone might recognize my car." Something was up but I did not ask any questions.

Ten minutes later, I grabbed her groceries and found Eliza with a boy



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Pastor Russ Loria preaches the gospel at Brown and Main.

and a girl in her car on the side street. Eliza expressed her gratitude. She then looked down saying: "Thank you also for the chair. I needed to hide behind others while in line so certain people driving by would not see me. I would get in big trouble. Don't want to get hurt."

She continued explaining: "Also, I could not be seen walking away from your event with bags, so thank you for your help with the groceries." The little girl then said to Eliza: "They seem like really nice people."

**THAT WAS** a perfect time to share the gospel and the love of Jesus dying on the cross for us. The children listened and kept looking at Eliza to assess her reaction.

Following a nice conversation with them, they needed to go. I blessed them saying: "We would love to see you ALL again. Never forget, Jesus loves you!" The little girl nodded yes with a smile, and Eliza expressed her gratitude and drove away.

**UPON** reflection, I prayed that Eliza and the children would see Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life without endangering themselves.

The coming of Jesus into this world

has brought about trials and tribulations starting with the massacre of the innocents by Herod. But let not our hearts be troubled or afraid. He leaves peace and blessings with us when we trust in Him.

**LUKE 6:22:** "Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake."

#### Hear ye, hear ye!

This is an important message for everyone!



The Father's Heart ministry uses Facebook to broadcast live from each of its outreach locations.

Unfortunately, FB is changing the rules on live broadcasts, so we are changing to YouTube for live streaming.

But there's an issue: Before we can live stream on YouTube, we must have a minimum of 100 subscribers to our YouTube URL.

Here's where you come in

We are asking that you go to YouTube and then type: thefathersheartroc into the seach bar. That will take you to our YouTube site. Once there, please hit the SUBSCRIBE button.

That's it! That's all you have to do! If 100 people will subscribe, we'll have enough to use the live stream portion of YouTube.

Thank you for helping us...and God bless you!