October-November 2012 Newsletter





A little princess shows off her face painting at the Pines Family Day.

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."

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UPDATE FROM RUSS AND ANNE



Ephesians 6:10-13 states, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against princiagainst powers, palities, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God,

that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Brothers and sisters, there are times that things are going so well; the Lord is providing all we need for the ministry, blessing the outreaches, allowing us all to fight the good fight and press on and keep on the race that God has set before us. We forget that there is a battle for the souls of the lost going on at every outreach and any ministry that we or you are on. There are souls that are so lost, so bound to drugs, and so empty that we need to remember this earthly battle that we are in. We need to pray, pray and pray, and "come boldly to the throne of grace" (Heb. 4:16).

We want to exhort all of you in these days that we are in: that you put on the whole Armor of God. (Eph. 6:14-20). Pray without ceasing. Press on, finish your race. We know who wins and that the Great High Priest Jesus Christ is constantly making intercession for us. Let us not fear for God is on our side, working in each and every one of us to will and to do of His good pleasure. Take hope and comfort and let His peace rule in you. At the Father's Heart, that is our prayer. Let's keep pressing on, sharing the love of Christ and be bold in proclaiming His gospel and Salvation to all those who are willing to open their hearts up to Jesus and receive the gift.

We love you guys. In Christ – Russ and Anne

What's New?

We want to keep you updated on the two outreaches that were the start of the ministry and are still going strong today. We have implemented two new columns to the newsletter. Updates from the Pines of Perinton, headed up by Scott and Robin Wilson and news from Frank and Diane Rivaldo who oversee The Cadillac Hotel outreach.

We are so thankful to be able to still be going out to these places and serve the Lord. Volunteers are always welcome to come out to the Pines or the Cadillac, check the calendar on the web site for days and times.

Cadillac Hotel

Contributed by Frank and Diane Rivaldo

Things are going well at the Cadillac. The Lord continues to bring the people out to hear the message of the gospel. We average anywhere from twelve to twenty people on Thursday nights, three times a month. We continue to have people come forward to receive Jesus and also just to reauest praver for various problems in their lives. A few weeks ago, Jerome wanted to receive Christ. Nadia had her home broken into and asked for prayer. Shaniqua wants to get right with the Lord, and we also prayed for her two children. Please keep them all in your prayers. The people look forward to seeing us each week and are thankful when we come. We are blessed to bring some help to them, and give them hope in Jesus.

Pines of Perinton

Contributed by: Scott and Robin Wilson

August and September were two great months for the Pines outreach. With sunny weather, close to fifty people, both young and old, came out to enjoy everything from hot dogs to chicken with all the fixings of a picnic lunch.

Our mission at The Pines of Perinton is to provide the tenants with both physical and spiritual food to those in need. Though we don't know exactly what any person hears during the message, we take comfort in the fact that God's Word will not return unto Him void (Isa. 55:11).

Each visit begins with sharing the Word of God, followed by prayer and worship, and ending with the distribution of food and clothing to those facing hardships of one kind or another (Matt. 25:35).

Just last month, the Lord gave us the opportunity to help meet the physical and emotional needs of a Nepali couple. They were struggling to find hope in bringing their families across the ocean to America. Through the sharing of prayer and giving of groceries, we were able to show them the hope and love found only in Jesus Christ. The need is great, but He is greater.

It would be difficult to carry on without help from the body of Christ. So we would like to give thanks to the many saints who regularly come out and bless the ministry with their time and special talents. A special thank you to the faithfulness of Ed and Kathy Harter and Frank and Diane Rivaldo, without whom our mission would be much more difficult.

To God alone be the glory!

SHARING

It was a privilege to be able to serve once again at The Pines of Perinton Family Day in July. The needs of the residents there are many. Being able to help at the free clothing tables was a wonderful chance to minister to them. Tables were set up with men's, women's and children's clothing, and residents were encouraged to take a bag and fill it with what they needed. The smiles that were on some of their faces! They were so glad to be able to select clothing they might not have had money to buy (including shoes and winter coats). The children's clothing was no doubt especially appreciated because they grow so fast.

As a side note, I'm in college and working towards becoming a sign language interpreter. The Lord gave me an opportunity to minister to a member of the Deaf community while I was helping at the clothing tables. I happened to notice a young woman signing to an older woman, and I asked her (using signs!) if she was Deaf. She said no, but her mother was. I was able to communicate with her mom: basic things like "Nice to meet you!" and showed her the different kinds of clothing. The warm smile said it all. She seemed pleased that someone was able to meet her where she was at-to speak her language (to a point. I'm still "in training"!). It must be so hard for the Deaf to live in a hearing world where few people know how to sign and "speak" their language. I thank the Lord for this chance to show His love and concern to a member of the Deaf community. They may not be able to hear how much Jesus loves them, but they can see it with their eyes.

Let's never forget that we are a living example of what Christ has done in our hearts and lives. Be ready for those opportunities to show His love! You never know where He's going to use you!

In Him! And by His grace! Joy Colbert

Sharing

CONTRIBUTED BY PASTOR RAY VIOLA KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP

<u>A TRUE DEMONSTRATION</u> OF THE FATHERS HEART

Matthew 9:35: "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 22:9: "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests."

These words of Jesus capture beautifully the ministry of The Father's Heart. By the grace of God, The Father's Heart Ministry has been ministering to the least, the poor and the needy in the inner city area of Rochester now for well over one year. Week after week, reports are coming in of people being blessed with a hot meal and clothing, followed by people coming to the saving grace of Jesus Christ by the preaching of the gospel of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

This vision that was given to Russ and Anne Loria is being used by God, not only to reach the lost with the Gospel, but to bring together the body of What a joy to hear Christ. brother Russ speak of the churches that various area minister side by side with the and sisters from brothers Koinonia for the glory of God. It reminds me of that precious 133rd Psalm that reads, "1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; 3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

The fruit of the ministry is proof that God's hand is upon it. Many area businesses and establishments make weekly contributions to the outreach such as items like bread, pizza, meats and clothing. Not to mention the many saints who cook hot meals and collect clothing for the needy souls in Rochester.

God has put together а tremendous ministry team, and we must remember to keep them all in prayer, for the enemy does not sit idle whenever the work of the Lord is being done. I am so blessed to see what God has done and is doing with The Father's Heart ministry. If the Lord puts it on your heart to give financially, or serve practically, see the coninformation tact on this newsletter.

Above all things, to God be the glory, for the things that He has done.

Blessings in Jesus, Pastor Ray

Listening to the message on Norton Street



T-Shirts and Hoodies are here!



We are happy to unveil the new Father's Heart t-shirts and hoodies!

Whether we are wearing them volunteering or out shopping, what a great way to get the word out on what the ministry is all about. Shirts are available in MED, LG, XL, XLT, 2XL and 2XLT, suggested donation of \$15.00 each. Hoodies are available in Med, LG, XL and 2XL, suggested donation of \$30.00 each.

Please see Russ or Anne to purchase. Cash is fine or you can make checks out to The Father's Heart. The first order sold out fast, so we have another order just in, hot off the press!

So want to hear a cool God watch? Sure you do!

The first order of shirts was placed with a company in VA. Russ got a connection to contact a local guy that works at Mugs and More on N. Clinton here in Rochester. When he brought in the sample shirt to show him and see if he can make it, he said, "Hey, I made those shirts for that company in VA." We can now cut out the middle man and order directly from a local business!



Check the calendar out on The Father's Heart website! No church or organization listed on a particular day to volunteer? Then why not come out and check us out? Be used and be blessed, guaranteed!

Praying with the youth at the Pines





Great entertainment at the Pines Family Days in July

Contact Info: The Father's Heart 678 Lake Avenue Rochester, NY 14613 585-647-6746 thefathersheartroc.org

Donation of the Month



October-Shampoo November-Deodorant

Thank YOU for the many donations that are turning up in the basket, what a blessing!

The basket is in the Koinonia library. We are so thankful to be handing these items out in Jesus' name. Reminder-if your church would like to put out a basket, please let us know!

"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11



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