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Christ Satisfies Ministries has a three-pronged approach to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging the growth and sanctification of believers. The first is evangelism and outreach to the people in our local community, which is exemplified by the table ministry and our monthly outreaches. One-on-one discipleship meetings and the on-going ministry to our small group Bible Study is the second area of focus for CSM. The third is preaching/teaching to the broader church, which takes place when James is invited to teach at prisons, churches and other locations.

As some of you may know, it was our desire in coming to Minnesota to be used of the Lord in one of two ways: either to be sent out as missionaries some day for the salvation of souls to the glory of Christ or, to be used of the Lord for the rooting, grounding and building up of those who would one day be sent out as pastors or missionaries.

Well, as the psalmist encourages us, "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." God's ways are far higher than our own! He has given us the joy to do both in a much greater way than we ever even imagined through this ministry.

James has the joy of meeting with seven humble men individually throughout the week and two young men from our community on Saturday mornings. These are times of digging into the Word, prayer, praise, thanksgiving and holding one another accountable to walk in a manner worthy of Christ. What a joy – teachable men who want to glorify Christ with their whole lives. Please pray for James to love these men in a way that is best for each of their needs to the glory of God.

"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

Hebrews 3:13

GROWING TOGETHER

Our small group Bible Study continues to meet each Friday evening for dinner, fellowship, prayer, worship in song and study of God's Word. Earlier this month we began a new study on the topic of worship.

As we search the Scriptures to discover who and how God wants us to worship, we are being challenged and stretched

to make our lives God-centered. It is a great opportunity for us to encourage and exhort one another toward Christ-likeness.

We've had a number of visitors over the past months and have even added a couple of new regular members to the group since beginning last July. Praise the Lord for His blessings upon us!

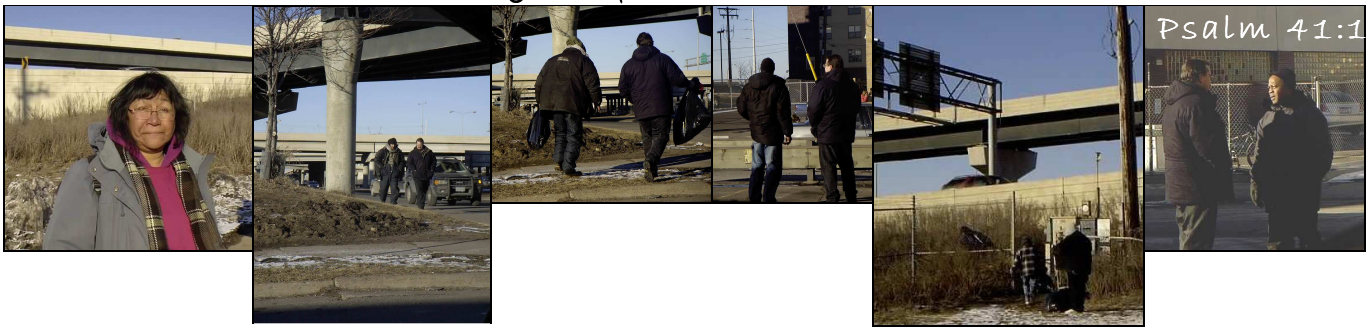


James and Ben Danielson share an early morning time of study and fellowship

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"Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him."



HELPING THE HOMELESS SEE CHRIST

On Sunday, February 5th we delivered 10 Homeless Care Kits and tracts to homeless people in the city. Here's Life Inner City graciously provided the kits to Christ Satisfies Ministries and other ministries throughout Minneapolis.

They included blankets, gloves, scarves, toiletries, and most importantly, a New Testament. As a family we drove around sections of the city looking for some people to share the love of Christ with through His Word and through the practical gifts that could hopefully relieve some of their discomforts.

James met Ricky at the Salvation Army's Harbor Lights Center. He was able to share the gospel with him and offer him the hope of Jesus. Next he met Larry who was panhandling on Lyndale Ave. near the 94 freeway. Though he wasn't very open to the Truth, James was able to point him to Christ. After that, we met four Native American women who were related and living

out by the freeway. James was able to give each of them a kit and talk to them about the things of Christ and eternity. We saw some people living under the freeway. James went up to them and found a young man named Chris

(Lone Wolf) who has lived there for quite awhile along with his wife Sandy. James had a very fruitful conversation about Jesus, salvation and the Bible with him. He was very open to the truth, praise the Lord. James has gone back to visit and minister to him twice since that day. The last man we met was Robert. He was a Christian and was greatly encouraged through this ministry.

He and James had a profitable conversation about the Scriptures and a time of prayer. Robert carries two Bibles with him so that he can minister to those he is with on the streets. Praise the Lord for His wisdom! Please pray for the salvation of these people.

Homeless Information* for MN and Hennepin County (Minneapolis):

- ❖ The total number of homeless and "precariously housed" persons in the state is 20,347.
- ❖ In Hennepin Co./Mpls. there is an estimated 1,160 children or unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness on any given night.
- ❖ 63% of homeless women have children under the age of 17.
- ❖ 89% of the homeless youth are enrolled in the public schools.
- ❖ 48% of households reported being homeless for a year of more, or 4 or more times in the past 3 years.
- ❖ 68% of the homeless population is people of color.

(*Statistics from the 2003 Wilder Foundation Survey)



Brenda, James, Steven, Titus and Phoebe

Martin Luther King, Jr. Outreach

On Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, we visited our neighbors with copies of his "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" and the desire to share with them about Jesus. This letter is an encouraging document that explains much of King's philosophies regarding the civil rights movement which he had a significant role in leading and the biblical foundations and principles behind much of his thought on the subject. It was a great opportunity to meet and minister to our neighbors. We were joined by Brenda from our small group and our friend, Steven Conkey, who was visiting us from CA. Pray for continued opportunities to build relationships with the people in our community.

SUMMER GOALS

Dear friends, please join us in praying that God would do mighty things in our neighborhood and reveal the glory and beauty of His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the people we are ministering to here. Praise Him for the many opportunities He is creating to build relationships with the troubled youth and drug dealers here in our midst. It is our prayer and vision, if the Lord would bless, to begin a Bible Study for this group of people at our home this summer hoping and praying that the Lord would use it to save souls and disciple young men and women in the Faith. Pray that Jesus would make Himself known to many in our neighborhood and bring a revival to North Minneapolis.

"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: 'Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.' So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God." Acts 18:9-10

HOPING FOR A HEAVENLY HARVEST

The fruitfulness of the table/evangelism ministry on the corner of Knox and 26th has been abundant. The Lord has continued to open many doors and build many relationships as James sets up his card table and chairs Monday through Friday afternoons and sets out an assortment of Bibles, tracts, godly books and tapes free for the taking. Consistently, six to eight people will stop by to ask questions, take materials and hear the gospel of salvation.

Much of this ministry is to the young men who hang out on the corner selling drugs. In addition are neighborhood people coming in and out of the store on the corner or at the bus stop. Prostitutes also make up some of the local population. The Lord is graciously building relationships between James and this diverse group of people.

As Anne, Titus and Phoebe pray for the people James meets and ministers to, the Lord has given him great opportunities to pray for people, share truth with them and help them in practical ways. He helped one guy, Garr, and his girlfriend move, lugging mattresses and loading trucks in the name of Christ sharing the gospel as he went.

Please pray that the Lord would continue to open these doors and that many would be saved for His glory. Pray for Abel, Garr, Dee, Trouble, Shoot, Pooh, Boot, Solomon, Mike, Martell, Derail, Kiara, Pookie Pie, Jay, Derek, Reggie, Pat and Pinky.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Please pray for the grace of God to enable us to walk by the Spirit so that we will be faithful to love one another and our children.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for Anne and the baby during her pregnancy. Baby Mullen is due in late July. Pray also for the salvation of Trace, Titus, Phoebe and baby.
- ❖ Please pray that we would minister the Truth in word and deed to our neighbors and those in the community around us.
- ❖ Please pray for continued fruits in each of the ministries in which we are involved.
- ❖ Please pray for James' upcoming prison mentor training with IFI as well as a BBC evangelism outreach to Lino Lakes prison on March 10th.
- ❖ Please pray that we would meet our financial support goals for Christ Satisfies Ministries.
- ❖ Please pray for the growth of the body that James is involved in teaching and discipling.
- ❖ Please pray for salvation of the lost in our neighborhood.

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