

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20



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"The angel said to the women,
'Do not be afraid, for I know
that you are looking for Jesus,
who was crucified. He is not
here; he has risen just as he
said.'"

Matthew 28:5-6

Resurrection Love

Christ Satisfies Ministries' April outreach was to our local community. Armed with Easter Bags generously donated by Here's Life Inner City, James ministered to children and parents in the days before Resurrection Sunday. The bags contained gospel tracts geared toward children, an evangelistic coloring/activity book, a gospel bracelet, candy and a small toy.

James had many opportunities to share the gospel using the bracelet, which has 5 colored beads representing various aspects of the gospel. Since many of the children who came by the table were very young, he was able to present the gospel to both the moms and the children. One day the Lord brought two prostitutes each with young children by the table, and James was blessed to be able to share the Truth with them and point them to the real meaning of Easter. Praise the Lord for His kindness and grace! These interactions were very friendly and loving. Pray with us that the Lord will open more doors to share Christ's love with these families.

ALL THINGS FOR GOOD

Thank you for all of your prayers and inquiries following the shooting of the two young men in our neighborhood. What a picture of God's grace and sovereign orchestration of all things for His good this event turned out to be! The two victims were 17 years old. The shootings happened the night of Sunday, March 26th and both boys were released from the hospital on Saturday, April 1st. James was able to visit one of them, Antonio, each day that he was in the hospital. Twice a day for the most part! Praise the Lord! He had many, many opportunities to talk with and pray for Antonio. He shared the full gospel with him and was able to love him and those in his family that he met with the love of Christ.

In addition, many of the other guys on the corner asked James to take them to the hospital so that they could visit their friend. This became a great opportunity for ministry throughout the week and for sharing Truth. On one occasion, James presented the

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

gospel during a prayer time in Antonio's room to ten of the guys who all listened intently. He took three of these young men out to lunch after a hospital visit and was able to share in-depth with them. All admitted that they fell far short of God's required perfection having broken all Ten Commandments. This week long opportunity to build and greatly strengthen relationships with these young men was a great blessing. Since that time James has seen many of these same young men out on the street. They come up to the table, exchange hugs and often engage in conversation. Please continue to pray that the Lord would bring a great revival here in North Minneapolis!

OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS

As Samuel declared upon Israel's victory over the Philistines, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." The Lord has shown His hand upon Christ Satisfies' table/evangelism ministry here at the corner of Knox & 26th.

The Lord continues to open doors and provide opportunities for James to share Truth with many people here in our community as he mans his card table. The City of Minneapolis closed down the corner store and pulled its license. However, it is still owned by a man who professes Christ. So, by God's great grace, James continues to have a place to set up his table and get out His Word! Due to construction in the parking lot of the store, James moved the location of the table closer to the sidewalk on 26th Ave. N. This move has brought even more people to the table! Praise the Lord!

Many of the young men who consort on the corner have come over to the table and sat down with James. This gives him an opportunity to share a full gospel with them and to teach them different things about God. He has taught a number of them about God's image in man and the powers of the soul.

The Lord has used these past months of being a constant figure in the parking lot to build these relationships. Often these young men will come up to the table and greet James with a big hug! A number of them have even confided in him regarding their individual struggles. Even one of the hardest guys on the corner – not interested in conversation or a Word from the Lord – has recently begun to take tracts and actually sat down yesterday to hear about the image of God in man.

Not only has James had increased opportunities to minister to the young men from the gangs, the Lord has brought young women from the neighborhood to the table as regular visitors and recipients of tracts. He even brought a woman about to be a first-time mom who is seeking to return to the church along with her husband. We are so delighted to see His mighty hand move

among our neighbors! Remember, our desire is to begin a Bible Study here in the community this summer. Pray with us that this might be the Lord planting seeds in preparation for that.

We love these people that God has brought into our circle, and we desire to show them that love by holding out the image of Christ to them. Please pray with us that the Lord will show Himself to these folks and save many for His glory.

PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCES

Our local City Councilman, Don Samuels, has orchestrated a practice of conducting prayer vigils at the murder locations here in our community. In late April, James attended one for a young woman, the mother of four, who was killed by a bullet as she rode in a vehicle about ten blocks north of our home.

He was blessed to join about 30 other people on that clear, sunny, spring afternoon as they remembered this young mother and her untimely (in human eyes) death.

Don invited James to lead the group in prayer. He began to beseech the Lord Jesus to do a mighty work of soul rebirth here in North Minneapolis, pleading by His Spirit for changed hearts and renewed lives.

Afterwards a man came to James "amen-ing" in agreement with his prayers and commiserating on the need for true, spiritual changes within the community. He was the mayor of Minneapolis, R.T. Rybak. James also learned of Don's impending meeting with Governor Pawlenty who also professes faith in Jesus Christ. Don is planning to discuss the great needs of our community and seek the Governor's support in approaching solutions for these problems that realize the only true and lasting change is one that is supernatural.

Please join us in lifting these leaders up to the throne of grace in prayer.

FELLOWSHIP & MENTORING ON THE INSIDE

Back in February, James completed training to be a volunteer for InnerChange Freedom Initiative (IFI). In the beginning of April he began a mentoring relationship with an inmate at Lino Lakes Prison.

IFI is a faith-based, transformational program developed by Prison Fellowship, the nation's largest Christian ministry to prisoners. Currently, there are four states – Texas, Iowa, Kansas and Minnesota – that have the IFI program operating within their correctional system.

According to IFI literature, "(The program) is based on the belief that real and lasting change happens from the inside out, as a person repents of sin, receives forgiveness and salvation through Christ and draws upon His mighty power day by day." The inmates who volunteer to be a part of IFI live in community with one another separate from the rest of the prison population and are steeped in biblical values 24/7. As a prisoner involved in the program nears the time of his release, he enters phase II which

includes 6 months of in-prison weekly mentoring sessions prior to release and 12 months of transition mentoring following release.

James met the man he is now mentoring last fall when he taught at the prison as part of the workshops provided by our church, Bethlehem Baptist. He has been greatly blessed to be used of the Lord in this man's life thus far and is looking forward to see what the Lord will do as He continues to build their relationship.

"You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness."

ROMANS 6:18

For a couple of hours on Monday evenings the two meet and study the things of God, pray and fellowship. James has been greatly encouraged by this man's desire and readiness to learn as well as witnessing the many fruits that the Lord has already developed in him. He is looking forward to a long friendship with this new, dear brother in the Lord. Please join us in praying for this man and his family and that James would be a source of encouragement to him pointing him to the only one who satisfies, Christ.

Special Prayer Request

In early March, Anne had a level two ultrasound, which indicated that our baby, Hadassah Hannah Mullen, has a heart defect called an AV Canal. Her heart has only two chambers instead of four. Open-heart surgery will be required to repair it sometime between the ages of 2-4 months. Including the heart issue, she has four markers for Down Syndrome. We are grateful for this precious gift the Lord has given us. Pray that we would trust the Lord in all that He brings and that we would seek to glorify Him in all things.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Please pray for God's grace to enable us to walk by the Spirit so that we will be faithful to love one another and our children.
- ❖ Please pray for the salvation of Trace, Titus, Phoebe and Hadassah.
- ❖ Please pray that we would minister the Truth in word and deed to our neighbors and community.
- ❖ Please pray for continued fruits in each of the ministries in which we are involved.
- ❖ Please pray that the Lord would give us the grace to begin a neighborhood Bible Study this July, and that He would bring many to participate in it. Most importantly, pray they would trust and believe in Jesus Christ for the salvation of their souls.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Please pray for the CSM outreach this month. It is to gang members/drug dealers here in North Minneapolis. Pray that the Lord would be honored and glorified and that souls would be saved.

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