

"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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"His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love."

Psalm 147:10-11

MAKING HEAVENLY INROADS

In recent weeks, the Lord has provided ample opportunity to praise Him for His great faithfulness to open doors for the Truth.

Some regular readers of *Christ Satisfies Chronicles* may remember the story of the man who approached James at his new table location (Penn Ave. N. & 26th Ave. N) screaming vile obscenities and displaying his gospel hostilities loud and clear back in January. Two weeks ago James had occasion to meet him again. Though more tempered, he continued to display a belligerent attitude toward the Truth. His desire was for food and money not salvation. Prompted by the Spirit, James called him into the car and took him to lunch at Burger King. Only after he was in the car did James figure out that he was the screamer. In His great wisdom and grace, God providentially brought about this second meeting opening a door for James to share the gospel and show this man Christ's love.

The latest drug corner (Lyndale & 22nd) has become a regular stop for James as he drives around the community during the week. Inroads are being paved with these guys. This past week a number of them shared prayer requests with James and even requested more tracts to read!

On our latest snowy day (April 11th), the sad sight of a disheveled, spent

prostitute in an old, red coat with worn-out sneakers waiting for a trick broke James' heart. Across the street was another working woman; this one was high. A week earlier he met another two women hustling in the same general area. They were hungry; hadn't eaten in two days. Their prayer requests are immediate: food, housing. The Lord gave grace for James to share Jesus with them, give them tracts and get them some food.

Today, James received a call from a young man named Terrell whom he met on the street recently. After giving him a tract and sharing the gospel, James gave Terrell his business card and encouraged him to get in touch if he desired to talk more about the Truth. The two of them are planning to meet on Friday morning (4/20 at 11am) to begin studying the Bible. Praise the Lord for this wonderful, kingdom opportunity.

The Healing House Bible study on Friday mornings continues on a regular basis. James is grateful for this time to meet with the women who are enrolled in this Christian treatment center and to teach them the Truth as they walk through the Bible.

The road is long and winding, yet Jesus paved the way with His own tears for the lost sheep. "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36) Pray with us for a great harvest among these people.

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Diverse Groups Hear About Pursing (Biblical) Happiness

James had the privilege of speaking to four very diverse groups of people last week by God's grace. Monday evening he gave his testimony and shared about the great need to "meditate on the Lord day and night" with a group of high school students in White Bear Lake as part of a Student Ventures meeting. SV is the junior and senior high school ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. The group was keenly interested in the discussion and afterwards a group of about nine boys approached him with questions and a great desire to discuss the Lord.



James talking with students in White Bear Lake, MN

The following evening he met with a group of inner city teens who are part of the basketball league ministry to neighborhood teens at our local church, Family Baptist, here in north Minneapolis. After sharing a brief testimony with them he encouraged the teens with the gospel and charged them to put their trust in Jesus. They were quite gracious as he joined them on the court!

The final group addressed about our need to walk by faith and walk by the Spirit by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus through His Word was a cell group from Meadow

Creek Church in Andover, MN. James encouraged these adult believers to actively

*"How can a young man keep his way pure?
By living according to Your word.*

*I seek You with all my heart; do not let me
stray from Your commands.*

*I have hidden Your word in my heart that I
might not sin against You.*

*Praise be to You, O LORD; teach me Your
decrees.*

*With my lips I recount all the laws that
come from Your mouth.*

*I rejoice in following Your statutes as one
rejoices in great riches.*

*I meditate on Your precepts and consider
Your ways.*

*I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect
Your word.*

think on the Lord and escape the trap of leaning on our own understanding as the Proverbs encourages us.

Speaking to the broader church is the third area of Christ Satisfies Ministry's work. The Lord has been opening doors for this teaching ministry, which seeks to encourage, exhort and equip believers to pursue a deeper walk with the Lord in the manner outlined in Scripture (Psalm 119:9-16).

If you would like James to make a presentation to your church or group contact him at 612-229-5042 or jamforChrist@msn.com. Pray with us

that the Lord would encourage the body and strengthen the saints through this ministry.



"Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach, for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips. So that your trust may be in the LORD, I teach you today, even you."

Proverbs 22:17-19

U	nparalleled wickedness		
R	elative preaching	N	owhere to live (homeless)
G	ang-related violence	E	ighty-four mosques planted in the Twin Cities since 1996
E	leven people murdered in north Minneapolis since January	E	merging church
N	eglected children	D	rug dealers working the corners
T	rading flesh (prostitutes)		

“Go, Send or Disobey”

John Piper’s charge to the body regarding Christ’s biblical mandate to go to the ends of the earth and make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit coupled with his encouragement to live with a “wartime mentality” that is alert, prepared and ready for battle is nothing new. Over one hundred years ago, Arthur T. Pierson challenged the church at the close of the 19th century regarding missions: “My friends, begin at your garret and go down to your cellar and make an estimate of the useless things that are lying in the drawers of your bureaus, in the cabinets of your curios, on your walls and on your library shelves and wherever the secret treasures of your house are lodged, and consider how far toward the evangelization of the world in this generation the simple sacrifice of your superfluities might go.”

At least four requirements must be present for the execution of the Great Commission: a harvest field, workers, prayer and financial support. Many people desire to be a force for good in the world, but what is good? Building schools and hospitals; providing clothing, food and shelter; education; safety? While all these are noble goals, they are temporal in nature. These are the means that have been used by our government leaders and the people of this city. But they haven’t worked. The gospel is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe. A literate, nourished, healthy and safe soul is still passing through the wide gate into eternal damnation without Jesus. The chief concern of those seeking to help others must be an individual’s salvation to the glory of Christ. The root cause of all problems – man’s heart condition – should be the focal point of Christian giving. If practical help is given to people without the soul-saving good news of Jesus it is all for naught.

Praise the Lord that the Scriptures encourage us to this end, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6: 19-21). Isn’t it just like our good and gracious God to command us to do something (make disciples), warn us about temporal pitfalls (storing up earthly treasures) and then reward us for joyful obedience (heavenly treasures). Over and over Jesus taught that His followers must be sacrificial in their giving. We read about the widow giving her last mite as Jesus commends her to his disciples while the rich, young ruler turned and walked away when Jesus told him to sell all he had and give it to the poor. With sadness Jesus watched him go.

As Christians we all have an obligation and an opportunity to work toward filling the Great Commission. The Lord has called some of us into the group that goes and many into the group that sends. These two groups are not independent but interdependent. Missionaries cannot go, live and work among the lost seeking opportunities to evangelize people without financial support. It just doesn’t work that way. For this reason Christ Satisfies Ministries would ask that you would prayerfully consider monthly support for our ministry here in the inner city. In 2006 our taxable income, which came from donations to Christ Satisfies Ministries (administered by Congressional District Programs), was just over \$19,000. How is

that possible in 21st century America? Well, the Lord's supernatural hand was definitely upon us! He has given us ample opportunities to praise Him for His provision, providence and protection.

Giving, which we are all called to do cheerfully, is a great means of blessing not only to the recipients but also to the giver who is often rewarded with a greater joy. We would like you to prayerfully consider sharing in our joy in a more substantial way by partnering financially with Christ Satisfies Ministries to bring the message of hope to north Minneapolis. If only half of those on our mailing list who receive the CSM newsletter would commit to a monthly support gift of \$25, we would meet our monthly support goals with a bit of excess. Please prayerfully consider supporting the work of bringing the gospel to those who are lost and longing.

*"Let the little children
come to me, and do not
hinder them, for the
kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14*

GREAT FRIDAY!

Armed with thirty Easter Bags donated by Here's Life Inner City, James was able to share the glorious truth of Christ's death and resurrection with roughly fifteen moms just before Easter. Each was given a bag for her children containing a gospel bracelet, candy, and crayons. Along with each bag was a coloring book (His Story), which gives a clear gospel message beginning with creation and ending with the resurrection of Jesus as well as a package of Resurrection

Eggs. This is a great tool for sharing the gospel with children. It contains twelve colorful, plastic eggs each with an item inside related to Jesus' final week on earth. There are coins, a crown of thorns, a donkey etc. An accompanying booklet tells how the item is related to the story of Jesus along with related Scriptures.

We pray the Lord would use James' gospel presentation, the book and other resources to bring people into a relationship with Himself.

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PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise the Lord for the many opportunities to speak the Truth for the salvation of souls and the sanctification of His body.
- Praise the Lord for His protection of our family.
- Praise the Lord for the many committed supporters (both prayer and financial) of Christ Satisfies Ministries. Pray for an increase in partnerships so that we meet our support goals.
- Please pray for much fruitfulness for the ministry & us.
- Please pray for the following new believers: Howard, Dominique, Anthony and Drew. All are from hard backgrounds and circumstances (crime, drugs, poverty, violence, etc.) Pray for growth in the Lord and for grace as they seek to build new lives in Christ.
- Please pray for CSM's upcoming outreach to gang members/drug dealers scheduled for Saturday, April 28th.
- Please pray for the salvation of our children: Trace (14), Titus (3), Phoebe (2) and Hadassah (9 months).