

"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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# CHRIST SATISFIES

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"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'" Matthew 25:34-36

## "DAY AFTER DAY



**men came to help David, until he had a great army, like the army of God,"** (1 Chronicles 12:22).

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> we held our fourth Christ Satisfies Ministries' yard give-away in our front yard. This time we were blessed to have material donations and volunteers representing six churches from the city and surrounding suburbs. Praise the Lord for bringing this "army" to our side.

After a few morning sprinkles of rain the Lord answered our prayers and gave us a beautiful day for the event. The ten tables we had were overflowing with clothes and shoes. We had furniture and kitchen items, baby gear and knick knacks. But not for long!

Ready to go at 11am, we had six or so people waiting to get started "shopping." By 11:30 the question was "Will there be enough stuff to go until 2pm?"

These give-aways are always a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and minister to them. James proclaimed the Word to the first wave of visitors by sharing several passages of Scripture in street preaching fashion while people searched through the items in the yard. Later on he had the privilege of sharing the gospel with a group of children.

There was much prayer as those assisting us lifted up those who heard the Truth, a young boy who wanted to know Jesus, and those coming and going throughout the day.



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Two new families have recently moved in across the street from us. Members of both came by and were able to find items that were helpful for them. The mom from one of them is in a wheelchair a recent victim of a driveby shooting that took place just a couple of blocks away. She believes in Jesus and is seeking to glorify Him through this difficult trial. Please pray for her (CeCe), her husband and their children.

Another couple who was there (Emmanuel & Alberta) were interested in finding a church. We pointed them to our home church, Family Baptist, right here on the north side. Praise the Lord they have been there the past two Sundays!

All who came received a gospel tract and many also received Bibles and/or godly books. With eight dedicated brothers and sisters there to assist, many, many people were able to talk one on one with someone wanting to share Christ and His love with them.

Praise the Lord for bringing an army of His saints

to help with this event. Our dear friend Lynn, a teacher, was such a blessing as she ministered to the many children who came guessing what grade they were in, engaging them in conversation and telling them of Jesus' love for them; Catherine worked hard organizing the winter clothes and boxing them up for our fall and winter outreaches to the homeless; Rob, Dan and Mark who set-up tables and packed up leftovers while ministering to the people who came by both in deed and through the Word; Pastor Lee who helped a young girl coordinate an outfit and encouraged all who were there with his love and support; Deb, Naomi and Lisa who contributed many of the items which were given away. "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others (Romans 12:4).

We are grateful to God for richly blessing this outreach in every way and ask that you would join with us in prayer for all who heard the gospel.

*Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*

*Romans 13:4*

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AGENT OF GOOD

Both our family and community are blessed to have a dear brother patrolling the streets of the fourth precinct. This committed lover of Jesus pours his life into north Minneapolis. Not only does he continue to work the north side after 8 ½ years on the force, he seeks to be a light in this dark place. While many would likely be seeking to lessen their stress by a move to a less crime-ridden territory, this soldier in God's fight for the hearts and souls of our community has refused department promotions because they would move him off the north side. Stationed here for two years, he has had to shoot his gun twice in the line of duty. However, drawing it out of its holster is a nightly ritual.

As the not-so-polite, yet provocative saying goes, "Put your money (and your life) where your mouth is," well, this man does it daily. As you know from past issues of the *Christ Satisfies Chronicles*, north Minneapolis can and does compete with the worst of them – big cities around the country with tough, violent crime areas (New York, Chicago, Los Angeles). He works here for his livelihood, he prays fervently for the people in this community, he supports the spread of the gospel here financially. He continually seeks to share the saving gospel of grace with fellow officers and with the perpetrators God sovereignly



Mounted police on 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. North

places in the back of his squad car. He has found over the years since his conversion that treating the suspects and criminals God places in his care with respect and dignity – loving his neighbor as Christ commands – opens many doors and opportunities for him to share about Jesus and point these people to things eternal.

The Lord is gracious not only to our family and the law-abiding citizens of our neighborhood, but also to the evildoers, though they don't realize it in their blindness. Our merciful Savior has placed one of His own, bought and purchased by His

blood, to share the Truth with them during what very well could be their last opportunity to hear it. Their lives are ever so on the cusp of entering eternity. Even more so in a sense than others because of the wickedness they choose to participate in. *"...for their feet rush into sin, they are swift to shed blood. . . These men lie in wait for their own blood; they waylay only themselves,"* (Proverbs 1:16,18).

Please join us in prayer for our dear friend and his family. Pray that the Lord would protect and use him and all the other Christians that He has placed in our city as servants to do good and punish wrongdoers.

## ***Administering a Daily Dose of Hope***

The Lord continues to provide a great many opportunities to minister the Truth daily here in north Minneapolis. With summer just around the corner there are many more people out on the streets in need of the saving gospel of Jesus.

The night of the yard giveaway just as we were going to sleep there was a loud, insistent banging on the front door. It was a young man James knows from the streets, Darwin. He used to own a house on our block, which was involved in a drug raid by the police a couple of years ago. In the midst of that chaos, he lost an ear to a K-9 dog. He and his friend were begging for a ride home insisting that someone was trying to kill them – not an unlikely possibility. Of course, James didn't tell me that part of the story until after he came back from giving them a ride. Dressing to go out, James asked me to pray. When he returned he recounted that the Lord opened the door to share the law and the gospel with these two young men. Darwin was broken by the fact that he was clearly condemned under the law. Please pray for his salvation. This is not the first time he has heard about the saving grace of Jesus and his own need for the Savior.

One week ago, Jeff Lindsay, the Outreach Pastor from Colonial Church in Edina a nearby suburb of Minneapolis came out

and joined James ministering Truth on the streets of north Minneapolis. His visit to our home and affirmation of our ministry was a great encouragement to our family. He and James were blessed with a very fruitful day of ministry and were deeply touched by God's work in their midst. Some of their encounters included:

- James and Patricia, a married couple they met on 4<sup>th</sup> St. N. near Farview Park. When offered a word from the Lord, Patricia broke down in tears exclaiming that it was an answer to her prayers. They

were able to get prayer requests and talk with this couple for awhile. As James and Jeff drove away the woman was wiping away tears.

- A young man, Raymond, implored them to write his name down so that they could pray for him daily.
- On Lowry and 6<sup>th</sup> St. N. they met some drug dealers and a prostitute who were working the streets. All of them were willing to take tracts.
- On Penn near 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. they met Tina. A prostitute, she was working that corner, but took the time to talk. A junkie with track marks and

## **Sharpened by the Sword**

The portion of Christ Satisfies Ministries that seeks to minister to the local body of believers through discipleship has been greatly blessed by the Lord. At present James has the privilege of meeting with nine men each week for one-on-one times of Bible study, prayer, encouragement and fellowship.

This group of nine men represents a wide spectrum of the body of Christ ranging in age from early 20s to early 50s, it includes lay people, those pursuing vocational ministry and two other missionaries.

Together James and these different men pursue the Lord and seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of Him so that they may honor Him more and more in their own lives and lead others in doing the same.

Seeking to follow a biblical example of sharing in one another's lives, the Lord has blessed these friendships in many ways and in His unique manner is molding and shaping all involved to be of greater use for His kingdom purposes. Praise Him for His use of cracked and broken clay pots!

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17*



*"For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?"*

*Romans 8:24*

scars all over her arms and chest she was a sad sight. In one breath she would curse the people walking along the street and driving by then she would turn to James and Jeff and profess that she knew Jesus. Tina recently gave birth to twins prematurely. One baby died. The other who only weighs around three pounds is in the hospital. The county has taken the baby into its custody. With a trembling jaw and frothing mouth, she admitted her own bondage to drugs stating that if only she could stop things would be different. Trying to encourage her that today could be THE day by turning to Christ, James and Jeff shared Truth with her and gave her tracts and materials for the Healing House, a Christian based recovery program for women which has a strong outreach to prostitutes. Please pray for her salvation and the health and future of her baby.

Life here is hard, draining and without hope for those who don't know Jesus. On Memorial Day, a day reserved for remembering the fallen soldiers who gave their lives to maintain our country's freedom, Minneapolis experienced its 23 murder this year – 18 of which (78%) have taken place here on the north side. With one man dead and five others wounded -- two of whom were children aged 14 and 17 -- along Emerson Ave. N in the early morning hours, we must realize that the only true freedom is found in Christ. He is where our hope is and where the people Christ Satisfies Ministries reaches out to will find theirs. Please pray with us for His freedom to reign here in the lives of the hurting and lost.

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*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*



**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 June outreach to the homeless scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd.
- Please pray for the salvation of our children: Trace (15), Titus (3), Phoebe (2) and Hadassah (10 months).