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ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVINGS

Friday, October 24th marked the third anniversary of Christ Satisfies Ministries serving in full-time ministry in north Minneapolis. Just days prior, Monday (10/20), presented a snapshot of why we believe the Lord has planted us here and why He continues to bless and sustain this ministry.

James rose early and met with a brother from 5-7 am before the man went off to work for a time of one-on-one Bible study and prayer. After that he headed over to the Hennepin County jail for his first Bible study of the day with some inmates, a second one would follow in the afternoon at 2 pm.

Once finished with the morning jail ministry. He went driving in our neighborhood to evangelize those out and about on the streets.

First he met Pernel a.k.a.Nail. This young man in his early twenties was just a few blocks from our house when James met up with him. He was quite open to a word from the Lord; James actually was able to share the complete gospel with him. Nail listened intently and was thankful. After giving him a card, inviting him to church and encouraging him to the Lord, James moved on around the community.

Turning into an alley, heading toward 26th Ave. N. James came upon a situation not as promising as the one with Nail. As he approached the gas station on the corner of Penn & 26th from the alley side, he could see 4 young men arguing near one of the gas pumps. In a quick instant, three were racing off down 26th in the direction of our house, the

fourth was raising a gun from out of his pants. James continued pulling the van forward and ended up in between the guy with the weapon and those who ran. Seemingly oblivious to James, the pursuer stopped and wrestled with his gun trying to conceal it in his pants once again. Once successful, he took off down Penn Ave. N toward W. Broadway. On the phone with the 911 dispatcher, James offered a description of the guy and the situation. Circling the block, he looked for this young man, but lost sight of him. By the time he reached the gas station again, two police cars were there in response to his call.

As he continued ministering the word, he drove down W. Broadway. Approaching Dupont Ave. N. he noticed yellow crime scene tape along Broadway and down the side street. Police, spectators, reporters and camera

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crews were present. Parking the van, he went inside The Prayer Center, a local ministry led by Jerrilyn, a woman who mans this storefront beseeching the Lord for the salvation of the lost in our community. She informed him that a man had been shot, and he stumbled into one of the stores on the block looking for help. The shooting took place just before noon. The two of them shared a time of prayer pouring out their souls before the throne of grace beseeching the Lord for a miracle of salvation in north Minneapolis.

Afterwards, James returned to the van to continue ministering in the community seeking to urge people to consider their eternity. The Lord provided a wonderful opportunity as he pulled alongside a group gang members/drug dealers who were at the edge of the police tape watching the activities where the shooting occurred. He challenged them to follow the Lord and turn from their ways. Praise Him for divine appointments.

Pray with us for another Great Awakening! Right here in Minneapolis, MN!

MISSION FIELD: MINNEAPOLIS

Here in Minneapolis there are many, many opportunities to minister Christ's love to all kinds of people. During the past few months, Christ Satisfies Ministries has had the blessing of participating in outreaches to families, prostitutes and the homeless in our community.

The Lord has increasingly been providing other brothers and sisters with a desire
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Titus joins dad on the PowerPack outreach.

*"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."
Psalm 37:5-6*



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34

BEAUTIFUL FEET BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE STREET

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to get out in the trenches and practically love the lost and hurting in north Minneapolis. Several have joined us on recent ministry opportunities. Not only has it been a help and blessing to CSM, it has been a great opportunity for these dear saints to experience God's grace and mercy. One dear sister even called her night out on the streets ministering care packages, food and the gospel to prostitutes and pimps in our community "life changing." We are thankful that the Lord chooses to minister to many in a variety of ways through the work of Christ Satisfies Ministries.

In August, we were able to provide fifty children with PowerPacks, backpacks loaded with school supplies and gospel literature. This is the third year CSM has held this outreach with the backpacks, which are provided by Here's Life Inner City. This year, our five year old son, Titus, participated. He and James distributed the back-to-school gifts to kids and families in our neighborhood. One young boy even gave Titus a cool race car as a thank you for the backpack!

Saturday, September 20th was our latest outreach to the prostitutes in our community. In the Lord's providence, this opportunity to share Christ with these women (and some men, pimps, drug dealers) came just on the heels of a serial rapist who had been active in our community during the last days of August. We were hoping the Lord might use that harsh reality to soften the hearts of those who would be encountered to the message of the gospel.

After dinner and a time of prayer at our home, James and six others (2 women and 4 men) set out in the van to share the words of life with those in the lifeless pursuit of sin. Their first encounter was with a young man who attempted to get into the van while it was stopped at a corner and sell drugs. When offered a word from the Lord, he recoiled and refused. The team's ministry was off to an interesting start.

By the end of the night the group had

encountered thirteen souls lost and in need of the Savior. There were sisters, Cortana and Joanna, who gratefully accepted the care packages and asked for prayer for their family. Tricia, a young woman, was shocked when her approach to the van was met with a gift from the Lord. She graciously accepted it. Michelle was a woman the group sought to reach, however, before they were able she was picked up and taken away into the night. A very strung-out, high woman, Shashana, was on the streets that night. The group sought the Lord's mercy for her salvation and deliverance. Dana, a woman James ministers to often in the community, ran up to the van once she recognized it and announced that she was ready to come to church. James prayed for her while they were on the corner.



James ministers to a homeless man along with one of our college friends.

Please pray for these people. They are needy. We have noticed an increase of prostitutes in the area, even moving off of the main streets — Penn, Lowry, Lyndale — and into the more residential areas. Just the other evening as our family was coming home and going from the car into the house, a young woman who "works" on Penn & 26th Aves. N. was picked up by a sleek, white car stopped right in front of our house. Pray for the miracle of regeneration in the hearts of these woman and men.

In October, the CSM monthly outreach was to the homeless. Nine college students from The Master's Commission program in Fergus Falls, MN joined us to distribute care packages and tracts to people on the streets and at the shelters in Minneapolis. They also sought op-

portunities to talk with these men and women, pray for them and share the saving love of Jesus with them.

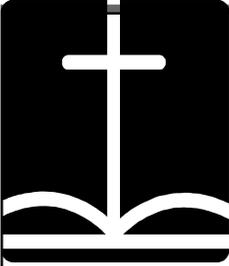
Armed with about thirty trash bags filled with gospel literature, water, socks and toiletries, the group paired off and were able to meet and talk to many. Homelessness hits a variety of people. During this ministry opportunity James and the others met a several people with different circumstances but the same essential need: Christ. There was Carl who has been on the streets for 14 months and Earl who recently lost his mortgage industry job; Edith who asked for prayer to stay clean & sober and is in school for medical training and James who is addicted to drugs & alcohol and planning to enter a treatment center; Nakia who has two children and Lewis who is engaged.

Please join us in praying for all of the people and families the Lord touched through these outreaches. Pray for salvation and deliverance. We praise the Lord for His continued grace and mercy in allowing us to minister to the people in north Minneapolis.

Strange Grace

Despite precarious times for wall street investors, real estate moguls, stock watchers and others feeling the throes of the economic rollercoaster that has been winding through the global economy in recent months, the Lord has been blessing Christ Satisfies Ministries and His Kingdom investors. Praise the Lord that despite economic uncertainty, He has brought this ministry new financial partners. We are grateful and praise the Lord for those who are putting their trust in Him and choosing to store up treasures in heaven!

Will you join them??? If just fifty of the 350 or so households who receive our *Christ Satisfies Chronicles* donated a monthly gift of \$10 to Christ Satisfies Ministries, our reach to those on the fringe and in need of Jesus could be greatly extended. Please pray to that end and dare to be a radical giver in these radical times.



THE OBSERVATION DECK

The Lord has blessed James with many opportunities to teach in the course of Christ Satisfies Ministries' ongoing work. The Observation Deck is a forum for presenting the fruits of some of his studies with the hope that you will be encouraged to search the Scriptures and praise and worship King Jesus with a greater depth of knowledge and insight.

THE RATIONAL, EMOTIONAL AND RESPONSIBLE SOUL OF MAN

God has given human beings, made in His own image, the ability to think, feel and choose. These powers are chiefly to be used in the worship of God.

- I. God has made human beings two-part creatures; compound beings – both body and soul, flesh and spirit, outer man and inner man. These biblical terms – soul, spirit, heart, and inner man – are synonymous. They all consist of three essential powers: 1. The power of understanding; 2. The power of emotions; and 3. The power of choice.**

	Understanding	Emotions	Power of Choice/Will
Soul	Lam. 3:19-20 Psalm 103:1-2 Proverbs 2:10	Isaiah 55:2 Isaiah 61:10 Psalm 11:5, 119:81	Ezekiel 18:4 Psalm 103:1-2 Psalm 42:5
Spirit	1 Cor. 2:11 Mark 2:8 John 4:24	Luke 1:47 Job 7:11 Isaiah 26:9	Matthew 26:41 Isaiah 26:9 Psalm 78:8
Heart	Luke 2:19 Proverbs 2:10 Proverbs 22:17-18	Psalm 33:21 Psalm 16:9 Romans 10:1, 9:1-2	Psalm 119:10, 34, 58 Psalm 86: 12 2 Corinthians 9:7
Inner Man	Psalm 51:6 Job 38:36 Romans 7:22-25	Romans 7:22 Proverbs 23:16	Psalm 103:1-2 Romans 7:15-23

- II. A quick look at the condition of the regenerate heart. God calls it upright (Psalm 7:10), pure (Psalm 73:1), sincere and good (Psalm 78:72; Psalm 125:4; Acts 2:46), and noble (Luke 8:15; Acts 2:46; 1Tim.1:5; 2 Tim. 2:22; Matt. 5:8).**

- III. Every Christian is responsible to think on what is true and to choose to direct his mind on the Truth (Phil. 4:8; Psalm 1:1-3; 2 Cor. 10:3-6).**

- "Humans have the amazing ability to think about thinking and to choose to dwell on an object of thought." John Piper
- "If men have no knowledge of divine truths, the power of reason in him will be wholly in vain." Jonathan Edwards
- "Man cannot consider himself as a thinking, understanding being without knowing that he must give God the honor of his thoughts and worship Him with those powers whereby he thinks, feels, chooses and acts." Stephen Charnock
- "Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray." 1 Peter 4:7
- "Be self-controlled and alert." 1 Peter 5:8

- IV. Every Christian is responsible to have, keep and continue in a proper emotional condition. You're commanded to walk in holy emotions (Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Psalm 37:4; Psalm 100:1-2).**

- "True religion consists mainly in holy emotions." Jonathan Edwards
- "Delighting in Him may be the work of our lives." Richard Baxter
- "It is a Christian's duty for everyone to be as happy as he can." C.S. Lewis
- "Maximum happiness is precisely what we are duty bound to pursue." John Piper

- V. Every Christian is responsible to think on what is true, have and keep holy emotions and choose righteous choices to speak and act in a way that glorifies Christ and is best for His church (Col. 3:16-17; Eph. 4:29; Romans 12:9-21, 1 John 3:4-10).**

- VI. How do we do this?**

- Walk by the Spirit (Eph. 5:17-18)
- Walk by Faith (Proverbs 3:5-7)

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“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

Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord

- for His faithfulness in providing for the needs of CSM and our family
- for opening doors to reach people for Christ in N. Minneapolis
- for grace to minister to men through the jail & prison ministry and to those in recovery

Pray for

- blessings during our upcoming Boxes of Love outreach to our neighbors
- opportunities to visit churches and share CSM's ministry in North Minneapolis
- increased opportunities to minister to the lost and hurting in our community and to develop deeper relationships as the Lord leads
- our family's growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ
- the salvation of our children: Trace (16), Titus (5), Phoebe (4) and Hadassah (2).

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- Walk in love toward your fellow man (1 John 3:16-18)
- Walk in a way that glorifies Christ (Col. 3:16-17)

These are all accomplished by active thinking on the Lord through His Word (Proverbs 3:5-7; 16:20; 22:17-19; Psalm 1:1-3; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 56:3-4; Jeremiah 13:15-16a, Ephesians 5:17-18; 6:17-18 Hebrews 12:2-3; Hebrews 3:1; 2 Tim. 2:8; Col. 3:1-2; Hebrews 5:14).

When a Christian is meditating on Christ/God through His Word, he is walking by faith, walking by the Spirit, walking in love toward his fellow man and walking in a way that glorifies God.

VII. *What or who are our enemies, hindrances and stumbling blocks in this endeavor?*

SATAN	THE WORLD	UNBELIEVERS	THE FLESH
a. Satan and his minions/demons are constantly working through the world system and unbelievers as well as our flesh to distract, deceive and distort our thoughts, stir up our emotions and move us to choose sin in word and action. (Eph. 6:10-19; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; 1 John 4:1-2; Job 1 & 2)			

“Satan’s schemes are propagated through the evil world system over which he rules and are carried out by his demon hosts.” John MacArthur

- The world system is Satan’s tool or instrument to tempt our flesh. (1 John 2:15-19; Gen. 3:1-6; James 4:4)

“This (the world) is a reference to the invisible, spiritual system of evil dominated by Satan and all that it offers in opposition to God, His Word and His people . . . while the world’s philosophies and ideologies and much that it offers may appear attractive and appealing that is deception. It’s true and pervasive nature is evil, harmful, ruinous and satanic. It’s deadly theories are raised up against the knowledge of God and hold the soul’s of men captive.” (Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 5:19; John 8:42-47) John MacArthur

- Unbelievers are Satan’s servants ignorantly fulfilling his will. (Acts 13:10; John 8:42-47)

Satan uses the doctors, professors and men in high positions (unbelievers) to lie and lead people astray i.e. the Pope. (Eph. 2:1-2; 2 Cor. 10:3-5)

- Satan attacks our flesh – our lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes and our fleshy pride of life. (1 John 2:15-17, 5:19-21; 1 Peter 2:11; James 1:14; 1 Cor. 5:5)

“Satan uses the evil world system to incite the flesh . . . he uses the eyes as a strategic avenue to incite wrong passions.” John MacArthur

Satan and his forces are vigorously, yet invisibly, at war through the world system, unbelievers and our flesh. He wants to devour us (Mark 4:15; 1 Peter 5:7-9) and make us unproductive and spiritually impotent (Matt. 16:21-23; Luke 22:31; 1 Thess. 2:18).

For the Christian, Satan’s power (positionally) has been taken away (Hebrews 2:14). Practically, the saint’s consistent victory comes through active thinking on the Lord through His word. (1 John 2:14, 5:20; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6:17-19)