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BROADCASTING GOD'S GRACE

KKMS-AM, our local Christian talk radio station (980 AM), recently interviewed James and Pastor Lee Ormiston for their weekly feature, Church-of-the-Week, which airs on the program, *KKMS Live! With Jeff and Lee*. After meeting James and being introduced to Christ Satisfies Ministries at a KKMS sponsored networking meeting for area ministries, Gary Borgendale, the station's Local Ministry Director, invited James and Pastor Lee to participate on the air with Jeff and Lee.

On Monday, January 19, their interview was aired during the afternoon program. It was replayed on Friday afternoon. It was a great opportunity to witness to the community the grace of Jesus Christ working through CSM and Family Baptist. The two were asked about their personal testimonies, the partnership between CSM

and Family Baptist, the history and ministry of Family Baptist and a variety of other aspects of the work taking place in north Minneapolis. Pastor had a great opportunity to discuss the church's mission in north Minneapolis, and



Pastor Lee Ormiston and James at Family Baptist Church

James was able to articulate how CSM reaches out to the various types of people that make up our community.

You can hear the entire interview online at www.kkms.com. Once at the site go to the link for the *KKMS Live! With Jeff and Lee* program and visit

the archive section. The segment with James and Pastor Lee aired on 1/19/09.

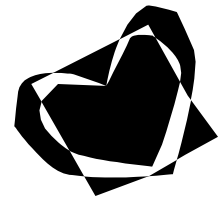
Christ Satisfies Ministries and Shepherd House Ministries are in the planning stages of packaging a radio program, which would air weekly. The program will focus on ministry in an urban setting, the church's call to reach the needy and the outcast and a charge to the Body of Christ to renew its commitment to Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

James and Shepherd House Director, Tari Zortman, will co-host the program, which will feature Bible-based teachings, personal testimonies and, Lord willing, audience participation.

Please pray with us that the Lord would be honored in this effort and that He would open a door for His Word to go forth in this manner.

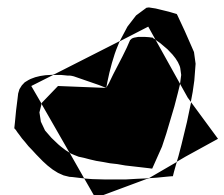
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Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18



LOVING THE NEEDY

Since last we wrote we have gone through the busy seasons of Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year, affectionately known as "The Holidays" to many. While many people look forward to this season as one of celebrations, family gatherings and traditions there is a whole other world of people who do not have such a positive view of the festivities. Their lives are broken and shattered.

There is no family to visit with and traditions have long been set aside. Many of the people that Christ Satisfies ministers to fall into this category — the homeless, the poor, prostitutes, addicts and dealers. Though these special days come the routine daily needs of lives in bondage remain the same. We were blessed to be able to meet some of those needs while also ministering the gospel on three out-

Thanksgiving Blessings

Here's Life Inner City provided CSM with 40 Boxes of Love to distribute to needy families within our community. Each box included a holiday meal for six, gospel tracts, bracelets and other evangelistic literature. James made two runs through the community on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. In the morning, he

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Love must be sincere. . . Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. . . Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

*Romans
12:9-13*



NEEDING CHRIST'S LOVE

and one of our Advisory Council members, Nic, drove around and gave away nearly twenty packages while sharing the gospel and Christ's love with some of our neighbors.

Later in the day some friends from outside the Twin Cities joined him to finish distributing the meals for both body and soul. This couple leads Shepherd House Ministries, which seeks to shepherd women "from crisis to completion in Christ." It is a Christ-centered discipleship program for women who are dealing with a variety of struggles through a nouthetic/biblical counseling approach.

On one street they encountered two large families, nine people in each, who lived in a duplex. They were thrilled to receive the gifts in time for Thanksgiving. As the van turned down a nearby alley, they came across five or six men. The older man of the group was working on a car while the others were gathered around him. Suspect at first about why the van was pulling up to them, they softened when invited to take a box for their families. Each man came forward and took a package for their family. The older man not only took a box but asked for prayer. James was blessed to be able to pray for him and his family that day.

Christmas Traditions

As the Minnesota cold ushers in the winter, our burden for the homeless increases. In December on the Saturday before Christmas we held an outreach to the homeless. This is the third time CSM has been able to visit the

shelters during the Christmas season and present God's gift of Jesus to the men and women who are staying there. With the generous donations of both individuals and two churches, we were able to have fifty homeless care packages which included gloves, hats, scarves, toiletries, a snack and a Bible. James and a great friend



Curt, James, Dan and Diane after ministering Christ's love in north Minneapolis.

of CSM, Diane, headed down to the Salvation Army's Harbor Lights shelter in downtown Minneapolis to distribute the packages. Upon entering the cafeteria they were bombarded by men and women in need. They handed out the black plastic bags filled with some essentials and spoke to the people sharing Christ's love with them and offering words of eternal encouragement.

New Year Encounters

January brought the severe cold. MN almost set a record with only 1 day seeing temperatures above freezing (32 degrees). It was on an extremely cold Saturday night that James and three others set out to minister to the prostitutes who work in our community. Hard to believe but with temperatures dipping down to minus 7 and minus 9 degrees, CSM managed to

talk with and minister God's grace to five women working the streets despite the frigid air. James and three faithful friends of the ministry — Dan, Curt and Diane — ventured into the night armed with Christ's love for the sinner and practical aids of help including a care package, a warm burger, Bibles, gospel tracts and information about Christian recovery and treatment facilities.

On nights like this one especially your heart breaks for these women who are so bound to their sin and Satan's lies. All of the women encountered accepted the care packages and the burger. One lady remembered James from a time in the summer when he had given her some ice cream, another asked for prayer.

In God's great providential weaving together of all circumstances, Diane encountered an old acquaintance who ran in her circle a decade ago. That relationship opened a great door for the gospel of Christ to go forth. Not only working the streets, but homeless Candy talked with Diane, took information about the Healing House and shared her phone number.

We are ever grateful to the Lord for these divine appointments which He has planned since eternities past. Join us in praying that He will continue to be longsuffering towards all of these individuals who are living apart from Him and that the Holy Spirit will do the saving work of regeneration in each of their hearts.

"A friend loves at all times. . ."

Proverbs 17:17a



HOLIDAY CONFESSIONS

It seems each year that the Lord has special lessons for me during the last months of the year as we ready ourselves to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. He shows me His amazing faithfulness in His provision for my family. He directs me to the importance of ministering to my family by strategically thwarting plans. He shows me the folly of worldly treasures and the idolatry of my own heart.

This past year we were sick in various combinations at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. No major illnesses, by God's great grace and mercy, just the kind that are inconvenient and preclude being around other people.

In the early morning hours of Christmas Eve both Titus and Phoebe became sick. I was upstairs comforting a boy who moaned and ached and got no sleep because each time he began to drift off another bout of nausea roused him. James was downstairs with Phoebe doing the same. By midday after several hours of not getting sick, we decided to let them open all of their gifts. So, in effect we celebrated Christmas on Christmas Eve day. As we awoke and got our day going on Christmas Day, we were relieved to see that the children's sickness seemed to be a 24 hour type. They were doing well. When my husband suggested going to a favorite Chinese restaurant for lunch, my self-pitying little heart could stand it no longer. This is not the kind of Christmas I wanted. I've always since I can remember wanted to have a Christmas like the one I used to watch on TV as a kid on programs like the Andy Williams Christmas Show or the Perry Como Christmas Special. I'm dating myself, I know. But, I always imagined having big families sing carols around the tree with friends dropping in and out of the house all day to join in song, hot chocolate and cookies. Well, that is not and thus far never has been part of the Lord's plan for my Christmases. I was actually tearful and discouraged that our Christmas dinner would likely be chicken soup, crackers and ham sandwiches — not quite Martha Stewart's holiday prescription.

By now you're probably thinking is this the woman God has partnered with James in an urban ministry in the inner city or has she been replaced by a lost yuppie stranded in suburbia? It's amazing what pride, of which self-pity is an insidious form, can do to a person. Praise the Lord Jesus that He came to this world as a babe in a manger to save us from this and other sins. By His great mercy He revealed to me the extent of my sin and graciously allowed me to turn my focus away from myself to others who needed to see His goodness.

Just a month earlier on Thanksgiving, James and Titus went to do an errand after our special Thanksgiving brunch. They took with them a container of goodies and were able to give it to a young man named Michael who was hungry and on the streets. That opportunity to share Christ's love inspired us to pack up plates of food after we finished our turkey dinner, pack up the kids and hit the streets looking for those who didn't have the blessing of a special Thanksgiving meal. Most of the people we saw had eaten and were taking home leftovers. We were grateful. In what seemed unusual, there weren't many people out on the streets that night. There were those waiting for buses, but the normal presence of youth hanging out on corners selling drugs and prostitutes was greatly diminished. Eventually, we met two prostitutes, Angel and Wendy, after driving around for quite some time. They both accepted the meals and tracts. As we made one more tour of the neighborhood, with two plates left we were going to go home when James decided to give Paul a call to see if he had eaten dinner. Paul was a man James met on the streets who began attending our church. We were able to minister to him Thanksgiving night and further develop our relationship with him. When James first met Paul who is probably in his fifties, he shared that he had been in and out of 18 drug treatment programs over the past 30 years. As of now, Paul is in the New Hope Center, a Christian rehab and discipleship program in Minneapolis. He has been faithfully attending Family Baptist and is being disciplined and mentored by our pastor, Dr. Lee Ormiston.

Again, on Christmas night, the Lord moved us to pack up and take some of our meal to the streets in search of those whose lives really had problems, not just the struggles of a heart not thinking rightly. With ham sandwiches and homemade cookies in brown lunch bags, we drove around our community looking for the needy. Unlike Thanksgiving night the streets were full. We were able to minister to 4 prostitutes and 2 men who were walking on the streets in the city. Karen was a woman we met on Penn Ave. N. At first she declined when we asked her if she had eaten and whether or not she wanted a Word from the Lord. She said, "No," and began to cross the street. About halfway she turned and came back to the car. "I do need it," she said. We gave her food for her body and soul, and prayed that this Christmas she would receive God's "indefinable gift." Pray for our continued growth and sanctification in addition to the salvation of all those the Lord has graciously given us the privilege to minister to for His Name's Sake.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps not record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



Love never fails.

*1 Corinthians
13:4-8*



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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

- the CSM Homeless Outreach scheduled for 2/21/09
- Vicki, a homeless woman, we've ministered to over the past 3 years
- 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).

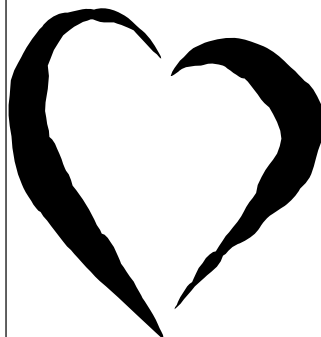
SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for our friend, Nichole, and her family (pictured here). She is a dear saint who lives in California. She is suffering from a very aggressive form of cervical cancer. It was discovered early last year. Since that time she has had many chemo treatments, a radical surgery, the discovery of cancer cells in other parts of her body, viruses and infections which have caused delays to her continued treatment. However, through all of this suffering and trial she continues to remain strong in the Lord, trusting His sovereign plan for her life. She is a mighty warrior for Christ and has taken many, many opportunities to proclaim His name to those she encounters during her ordeal — doctors, nurses, techs, and other patients. Her perseverance and heavenly focus is a great encouragement to all who know her. Pray for grace for her and her family, courage in the face of pain and the unknown, and continued trust in the Lord.

" Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18



*We know we have passed
from death to life, because
we love our brothers. Any-
one who does not love re-
mains in death. . .This is
how we know what love is:*

*Jesus Christ laid down his
life for us. And we ought to lay down our
lives for our brothers.*

1 John 3:14-16