

# Christ Satisfies Chronicles

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*"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*Romans 15:5-6*

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## BJU & BIKERS ON BROADWAY

Our planned monthly outreach for July was to prostitutes & pimps in our community. Usually James and 2-3 other men as well as 1 or 2 women comprise the CSM team for this type of outreach. It takes place late at night, and it's dangerous. Normally, a woman from the team approaches a working prostitute with a care package while 2 men from the team follow at a short distance being watchful and prayerful. The rest of the team prays continuously in the van.

In July, however, things were a bit different. Our local church, Family Baptist, was hosting a short-term missions team from Bob Jones University as well as two summer interns also from BJU. James, who was recovering from a case of walking pneumonia, took the team on a neighborhood tour one Thursday evening. This trip promptly morphed from a tour into an impromptu gang/drug dealer outreach. In addition to the students we had some other guests. Pastor Z, the founder of Bikers for Christ, which is an international motorcycle ministry whose members seek to reach others with the saving message of Jesus Christ, and three other BFC members also came along.

The group — BJU students and some Bikers for Christ — first stopped at the corner of Penn Ave. N. & 27th Ave. N. There a local gang, which James ministers to often and has built strong relationships with over the years, were hanging out on the corner. Pastor Z was zealous to stop and talk with them. He and the other BFC men approached them, shook hands and shared gospel tracts with the guys. Then the group travelled over to Broad-

way, parked the van and bikes by the Prayer Center (near the Cub) and began to walk along the street approaching people, handing out tracts, talking with them and sharing Christ's love for them.

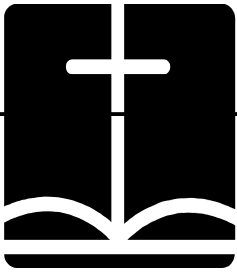
It was a blessing to see Pastor Z's love for the lost and hurting. Christ's love poured through him whether he was ministering to the lost soul doing drugs on the street corner or the Bob Jones student who was new to this type of environment.

After taking two groups around the neighborhood to minister to the people on the streets, James' community tour for the missions team and Bikers for Christ was finished.

On Saturday, July 24th, a CSM team was preparing to participate in the monthly outreach, which was to prostitutes and pimps. A call came in from the BJU team leader just as James was getting ready to leave the house for the Saturday night Free Indeed service where he is preaching through Galatians. Some of the ladies on the team were so blessed at their street experience on Thursday evening that they wanted to participate in the prostitute outreach and be used of the Lord to minister to these desperate women. Praise the Lord for His grace upon this group and their desire to step out of their comfort zones and minister to the outcast and downtrodden. So, the CSM monthly outreach team grew!

This summer time outreach to the prostitutes and pimps was a particularly dark one. At one location, 30th Ave. N. and Queen Ave. N., evil was lurking. Three women were working around the alley while four men were

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# THE OBSERVATION DECK

## THE BEMA SEAT

2 Corinthians 5:10

### THREE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS TO PREPARE YOUR SOUL TO BE SATISFIED:

1. When we stand before Christ at the Judgment Seat we will be in glorified bodies. (Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)
2. We will have perfect knowledge of Christ, our union with Him, and His work on our behalf. (1 Jn. 3:2; 1 Cor. 13:12);
3. These Truths will be joyful and glorious for assured believers only. However, what a reason to strive for assurance! (Jn. 8:31; 1 Jn. 5:12-13).

### What does this, 2 Corinthians 5:10, NOT mean? What will a Christian NOT experience when he stands before Christ?

You will not have sin credited to your spiritual bank account. (Rom. 4:7-8; Col. 1:22; 1 Cor. 1:8; Jude 24)

You will not experience guilt or shame or fear (Rom. 9:33, 10:11; 1 Jn. 2:28, 4:13-18)

You will not experience condemnation (Rom. 8:1, 32-34)

Therefore, no damnation or wrath (1 Thess. 5:9; Rom. 5:9-10)

### What will a Christian experience when he stands before God?

Great joy and peace (Jude 24; Rom. 2:6-10)

Great honor (Rom. 2:6-10; 1 Pet. 1:7; Mt. 25:21)

Great, eternal glory (Rom. 2:6-10, 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)

Praise from God (1 Cor. 4:5; 1 Pet. 1:7; Zeph. 3:17)

### Why or how is this possible?

Christ – His righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21), His atonement (2 Cor. 5:21), His resurrection (Rom. 8:10-11), His glory (Rom. 8:28-30), His continued intercession (Heb. 7:25) and His kingly work (Heb. 12:2-3; Eph. 1:22-23) on your behalf.

God planned/predestined all of it. (Eph. 1:4-6, 2:10; Rom. 8:28-29)

It's through faith you've been justified and through the fruits of your faith that you will be publicly justified. (Eph. 2:8-10; 1 Cor. 1:30-31; Rom. 5:1-5)

It's all to the praise of His glorious grace (Eph. 1:4-6, 11-14)

### So what?

Fix your thoughts on, meditate on, and ponder Jesus Christ (Jn. 8:31, 15:7-8; Heb. 12:2-3)

Study your legal position in Christ – your justification, your adoption, and your inheritance. (Rom. 3:21-25, 6:1-23)

Memorize His promises (Eph. 3:14-21; Col. 3:16-17)

Pray the Word of God. (Eph. 5:17-20, 6:17-19; Col. 4:2)

***Pursue these things so that more and more  
your motives will be to please Him (2 Cor. 5:9).  
Then on that great day you will be richly rewarded  
to the praise of His glorious grace  
(2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 4:5).***

# A POWERful Start to the School Year



"I knew you was coming! I was waitin' for you. It happens every year." That was the cry that

greeted us on Illion Ave. N. as we drove throughout our community delivering PowerPacks to families in need.

For the past few years Christ Satisfies Ministries has participated in the Here's Life Inner City PowerPack outreach. PowerPacks are new backpacks filled with school supplies, gospel literature and colorful gospel bracelets for both elementary and Jr. & Sr. High School students. This year we were blessed to have sixty PowerPacks to give to children and families just before the start of the new school year.

This outreach is one in which our entire family participates. James drives the van around the community, Titus and Phoebe deliver the bags, mom takes notes and Hadassah encourages all of us with her precious smile.

We were blessed this year to share Christ's love with many through the giving of these school supplies.

A number of the men who work at The Lazarus Project, a transitional work program that employs those with felonies, drug & alcohol issues and other employment barriers, where James is the chaplain received PowerPacks for their children. The gift was a great encouragement for those who are seeking to go God's way and live a different life now outside of prison and rehab.

The Lord opened another great door for ministry to the lost and hurting in our neighborhood with these backpacks. We were able to meet with a mother whose son was murdered just 7 blocks from our home on August 3rd, National Night Out. Charles, the young man who was murdered, would have celebrated his 22nd birthday on August 28th — the day we were conducting the outreach. We pulled up in the alley to their back yard and were able to meet his mom, Hildy. James had brought some pizzas to their home the day after the shooting as family and friends gathered to pay their respects. Hildy was thankful and glad to see him again. She and two of her other children, Charles' brother and sister, accepted the PowerPacks as did some of the others who were gathered at the

mournful birthday party.

As we continued throughout the neighborhood we were chased down by Patrice, "I'll never forget y'all," she told us. She told her kids, "We have to wait to see the van coming around." They were keeping watch for us.

Across the alley from Patrice's home we met Diane. After asking if she needed any backpacks for her children, she told us that she had just been sitting inside wondering, "How am I going to get backpacks for school." We were grateful for the opportunity to point her to the Lord and His faithfulness.

As we turned the corner we came upon Katrina, Antron and their children. Again, by God's great mercy, He directed us to those who were crying out. Katrina told us, "I was just praying — how am I going to get things for school." Praise the Lord for the way



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**CELEBRATE**  
the 5th Anniversary of  
*Christ Satisfies Ministries*

Please join us for a time of testimony, fellowship  
and refreshments as we praise the Lord for  
His faithfulness along this journey.

**WHEN:** 6 pm, Sunday, October 24, 2010  
**WHERE:** Family Baptist Church  
2201 Girard Ave. N., Mpls., MN 55411  
**RSVP:** If you are able to attend, please call us at  
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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

Do you know someone  
who would like to read  
about and pray for the  
work God is doing in  
north Minneapolis?

Pass along our contact  
info so that we may add  
them to our mailing list.

## Praise & Prayer Requests

### Praise the Lord

- † for His faithfulness in providing for the needs of CSM & 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
- † for bringing people to the Free Indeed service

### Pray for

- † Free Indeed to impact many lives in our church & community
- † Our summer outreaches to prostitutes & pimps, neighborhood children and gang members/drug dealers/troubled youth
- † 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
- † Our family as we transition to a new home
- † the salvation of our children: Trace (18), Titus (7), Phoebe (5) and Hadassah (4)

## Supplying Christ's Love

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He reveals Himself to people. James connected with Antron who recognized him from Lino Lakes Prison where he mentored for IFI (part of Prison Fellowship Ministries) in the past.

This outreach is always a great blessing for our family. It is a joy to see people's needs met in such a concrete way and, more importantly, to tell them that Jesus is the One doing it. Pray with us that these families will be drawn to the Savior and turn in repentance toward Him.

## In the Trenches

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"overseeing" them. Two gang houses were nearby one on Queen Ave. N. and the other just around the corner on Penn Ave. N. The gangsters were out on the streets and lurking around 30th Ave. N. With all that was going on right in this small area, the CSM team spent most of their night there talking with the women and handing out care packages and tracts to those who would accept them. The group did drive around to other areas on the northside and were able to minister to another 3 or 4 women for a total of about 8 prostitutes who received a word from the Lord and an encouragement toward the things of eternity.

The students were able to participate through fervent prayer while those CSM team members were out on the street talking with people. A couple of the stu-

dents and one of the team leaders, the pastor's wife, were moved to get out on the streets, talk with some of the prostitutes and give them care packages and tracts. They were also able to get prayer requests from these ladies and lift them up in prayer to the Lord.

It was a fruitful evening for all involved and one that impacted many. We are grateful that the Lord continues to direct people to CSM who desire to lay down their lives for the lost. The next morning the pastor's wife who participated in the outreach shared with James that it had been, "truly life changing for her." Praise the Lord for His grace. May He continue to raise awareness among His people of the harvest needs and send workers into the field. Pray with us for the salvation of all who were ministered to on these outreaches.