



"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

CHRIST SATISFIES

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"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Colossians 4:2-6

Taking the Gospel to the Streets

The Lord has greatly blessed our ministry to the people in our neighborhood especially the young men who are engaged in empty lives of drug deals and criminal activity. Countless opportunities have arisen over the past two months to share Christ and point people to the Truth. Last month, the Lord answered our prayers by providing James with a location to set up a table where he can minister to people and distribute items such as tracts, books, tapes and CDs. What a great blessing this has been! The presence this table set-up avails has given him even more opportunities to interact with the people in our neighborhood. He sets up his table most afternoons in the parking lot of a little convenience store that is one block over from our home on the corner of Knox & 26th. This corner is riddled with gang members, drug dealers and lost youth from broken families who need Christ. With the store and a bus stop right there plenty of traffic crosses his path. This table ministry has proven very fruitful even in the short time that it has been in existence. It provides a great launching



ground for encouraging more in-depth time of conversation and the opportunity to invite people to our home for further study.

Two teenagers who are new believers have come to the house and spent time studying the Word with James. Their plan is for that to be an on-going time of discipleship. The Lord also brought another young man over for an hour and fifteen minute study of John 1:1-15. This man is one of the dealers who has opened up his heart to James. He has also had the opportunity to share a lengthy,

complete gospel presentation with a number of others. We were both able to minister to a young girl, Kiara, who came to shovel our walkway over the Thanksgiving weekend. While she was there to shovel, we shared the gospel with her and answered many of her questions. She came back the following day and spent over an hour with us reading through John chapter 1. Praise the Lord for His grace and mercy! Please pray along with us that the Lord would save souls here in the Jordan area of North Minneapolis.



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HOLIDAY LOVE



For Thanksgiving, Christ Satisfies Ministries partnered with Here's Life Inner City, the urban ministry arm of Campus Crusade for Christ, by distributing over 20 Boxes of Love. These boxes, which were provided by HLIC, included a holiday meal for six along with a Bible, a gospel bracelet and other evangelistic tools. By God's grace, James was able to deliver most of them to families in our neighborhood the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving. He even had the opportunity to deliver a few with our newly elected City Councilman, Don Samuels. While they were out delivering door-to-door, Anne prayed for softened hearts in the recipients. The Lord blessed and the gifts were greatly appreciated and warmly accepted. James took a few of the boxes to the evangelism table with him the day before Thanksgiving and was able to practically share the love of Christ with some needy families and individuals.

On Friday (Dec. 23rd) we are planning a Christmas evangelistic outreach with our small group/Bible Study. Lord willing, we will go caroling throughout the surrounding neighborhood and deliver packages of homemade cookies and gospel tracts. Please pray that the evening will be a blessing to all involved and that the Lord will open many doors for us to share about Jesus.

REACHING PRISONERS

On December 17th James was part of a team from Bethlehem Baptist that held a seminar at Lino Lakes Prison. Fifty men attended this time of worship, teaching and small groups focused on the Incarnation. By God's grace, James preached to these inmates for the second time. The day was a great blessing for all involved and a future discipleship opportunity with one of the inmates was discussed. Again, Anne participated behind the scenes praying and typing for the day.

Last month we were invited to the MEC (Missionary Evangelism to Corrections) yearly banquet. It was a joy to hear the testimonies of both former inmates whose lives were touched by Christ through MEC and volunteers who ministered faithfully to those who were/are incarcerated. James is planning to train with a current MEC volunteer in January and then, Lord willing, following the completion of the training preach/teach both worship and Bible Study services within the county jail system.



James & Dan Howe of Here's Life Inner City

Joining Hands and Hearts for Jesus

"... I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel. . . "
Phil. 1:4-5

It has been our desire even prior to the official start of Christ Satisfies Ministries to find a sound, Bible teaching church here in our North Minneapolis community so that we can direct interested people and/or new believers to a sound, local body. Many of the people in our neighborhood do not have cars and rely on public transportation. Therefore, a church within walking distance would be a great resource for people and an encouragement to us. During the past six weeks we have visited three local churches: Jordan New Life Community Church, St. Olaf Lutheran Church and Family Baptist Church. James met with each of the pastors of these churches and explained about Christ Satisfies Ministries and our purpose for being in North Minneapolis. As a family, we were able to attend fellowship meals at all three churches and services at one. We were blessed during those times to meet other members of the church and find a local body to which we can direct people. Praise the Lord for His grace!

In addition to seeking opportunities to partner and work with local churches, we have also been able to team up with Here's Life Inner City as one of their partner ministries here in Minneapolis. After meeting with Associate City Director, Dan Howe, James was greatly encouraged at the opportunities available with HLIC. One aspect of Here's Life Inner City's ministry is to provide practical and program support to local churches and ministries in various cities around the country. To that end, they are planning to help us with the printing of business cards, provide us with more gospel bracelets and other tools such as Hmong, Spanish and English language gospel tracts or Bibles. Our family attended their Christmas Open House and had a wonderful time meeting the other staff members and some other ministry partners from in and around the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

SMALL GROUP GROWTH

Our Friday night small group is about to complete the first of four TBI (The Bethlehem Institute) core courses. We have been blessed and challenged going through the first course, Theological Foundations I and are looking forward to starting Theological Foundations II next year. In addition to the Bible and the course notes, Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology* rounds out our texts for the study.

Besides our studies together, we meet each Friday for dinner and fellowship. Monthly the ladies from the group get together for a time to build relationships and ponder a brief devotional put together by Anne. The Lord has blessed these times. They are sweet.

On Friday nights while the adults are studying various doctrines of God, Anne takes the children upstairs for singing, stories and playtime. Working with them these past few months has been a great opportunity and blessing. We look forward to seeing how the Lord will continue to pour out His grace upon our group.

Micah



Titus



Phoebe
& Caleb

*Merry Christmas
2005*



"For unto us a child is
born, unto us a son is
given, and the
government will be on
his shoulders. And he
will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

"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 thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

Praise the Lord and thank you to everyone who has supported Christ Satisfies Ministries and us with financial gifts and much needed prayer. As we grow in our practical understanding of Jesus' words, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few," we would encourage each of you to prayerfully consider supporting those workers the Lord has led into full-time, vocational ministry. A challenge for all of us this coming year is to examine our own hearts and lives and see where the Lord is leading us in giving for the growth of His Kingdom.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Please pray for the grace of God to enable us to walk by the Spirit so that we will be faithful to love one another and our children.
- ❖ The Lord has blessed us with another baby! Anne is 9 weeks pregnant, and Baby Mullen is due in late July. Please pray for the health of Anne and the baby as well as the salvation of all our children – Trace, Titus, Phoebe and Baby Mullen.
- ❖ Please pray that we would minister the Truth in word and deed to our neighbors and those in the community around us.
- ❖ Please pray for continued fruits in each of the ministries in which we are involved.
- ❖ Pray for salvation for Abel, Solomon, Mike, Martell, Derail and Kiara and spiritual growth for Duan and Dominique.
- ❖ Please pray also for our provision through financial support for Christ Satisfies Ministries.
- ❖ Please pray for our Christmas outreach plans.
- ❖ Please pray for the growth of the body that James is involved in teaching and discipling.
- ❖ Please pray for salvation of the lost in our neighborhood.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 5:16

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