



## JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

*information and news update*

### **Starting Our Seventeenth Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis**

*Fulfilling the great commission through outreach and spiritual restoration one soul at a time.*

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This October we will have completed our 16th year of ministry in South Minneapolis. We started holding outreaches and Sat. Evening Services Oct. 26, 1996 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis. Over the years we have made a number of changes and adjustments in our methods and style, but we have not lost our vision and passion for what God has called us to do.

The Call of Jesus in the City comes out of The Book of Isaiah in chapter 58:6-12. In this scripture we see the heart of God for the poor and downtrodden. At JICF we have developed a very special ministry to men coming out of drugs and addictions. As God has lead us, we have learned how to become deeply involved in the men's lives and in their process of healing and restoration.

As we move into the coming year we are looking at many new ministry opportunities and we are continuing to deepen our men and family mentoring program. In this vision we are challenged with the task of prayerfully raising the budget. We have an opportunity to deepen and broaden this ministry but it is going to require us to deepen our faith to raise the necessary funds.

I am looking for new partners to come along side of us. If you have partnered with us in the past and would be open to helping us share the message to others of what we are doing and how God is using us, please feel free to contact me.

Inside you will be able to read about some of the miracles that we have been privileged to be a part of Gods handy work.

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*Two of the baseball teams that we played against in Puerto Rico*





*Michael Pilla and Van Dickerson. Van is our Mentoring Ministry Coordinator, who is in charge of tracking all the men who come through our ministry and church. Van has been on our ministry team for two years now. Van also works at teen challenge, Van has been sober now for 5 years.*



*Rev. Larry Lindsey (right) ministers on the North Side of Minneapolis and also occasionally preaches at JICF. Larry is a product of the JICF Ministry, Larry came into JICF in the fall of 1999. He has been preaching now for 8 years, Sharing his story of how God healed and redeemed him.*



*John Didier is a gifted worship leader and pianist. John was on sabbatical and is now back on the JICF team. John will be leading worship at JICF on Oct. 30th for a special service of worship, testimonies and preaching.*



*Carol Blair (right) shown here with Larry Lindsey (center) and Van Dickerson. Carol has been on our ministry team now for 10 years and teaches a Bible Study at the VOA on Lake Street on Friday nights for ex cons.*

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*This is Sam Firpo who organized the Puerto Rico trip, shown here giving a special recognition and prayer to Kids from the orphanage that we ministered at.*



*Rev. Dale Rader and his wife Roberta have been ministering at JICF for the past 2 years. Dale and Roberta lead a Wed. night men's bible study for JICF.*

### **This is the testimony of what God has done in one mans life;**

I became a Christian April 1, 1983 but Because I refuse to give up my friends and lifestyle I soon had trouble staying focused on God. I had a good job, a serious relationship with my girlfriend; a nice apartment and things were going good. However on April 1st I received a phone call from Unity Hospital in the middle of the night informing of the stabbing death of my only sibling, Randy to whom I had a close relationship.

I became homeless then; I lost my girlfriend, and eventually lost my home and job due to my drinking and the anger that was building within me. Now homeless, I continued to drink and ended up with a DWI and lost my car. With the city bus as my only mode of transportation my attitude only got worse which resulted with the rejection of the only friends who allowed me to crash on their couches.

While aimlessly walking around town I began praying to the Lord for forgiveness and help. With the Holy Spirit's prodding I entered treatment center and began to recover physically while the Lord was working on me spiritually. I began to volunteer at a Christian crisis phone ministry and found that with the Holy Spirit's help I had some pretty good communication skills.

The doors opened almost immediately at Midwest Challenge. Since that hospital trip to HCMC the Lord has delivered me from alcohol. He has also delivered me from cigarettes and drugs and given me a new confidence to speak publicly for the Lord. I now go out and speak at churches for volunteers for the crisis phone center. As I prepare to leave the safety net of Midwest Challenge I now know that He is teaching me to live by faith through *Psalm 27 and Romans 8:37*.

**Mark Scott-**

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*Pregame prayer and introductions from game 1.*

### **Coming up this fall and winter,**

Christmas in The City With Jesus In The City, Would you like to adopt a family?  
Also we are looking for mentors.

**DONATE ONLINE** You can donate on line to Jesus In The City at our web site,  
[www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org](http://www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org). Thanks so much again for all your support.

**Would you like your newsletter emailed to you? Contact me at: [Michaelangelo@pclink.com](mailto:Michaelangelo@pclink.com)**

**LOCATION** We are now holding services at Trinity Lutheran Church on  
11th Ave So. and 19th Street in South Minneapolis at 11am. Go to our website for directions.

*Thank you so much for your support! Pastor Michael Pilla <><*

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