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Our Sixteenth Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

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Psalms 78:5-8 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so that the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. They would not be like their forefathers--a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

We have all heard or said the words **"you are just like your father"** (or mother). Sometimes those words sting, and sometimes they are a blessing. The reality is God has set up principles of sowing and reaping that affect us in all areas of our lives. My son is in the middle of a 6-week season of a broken thumb that he injured sledding, and he has had to be on the sidelines for hockey. A gifted athlete who has a line of uncles and grandpas who were athletes, he now has to work a little harder to catch up to the others this winter and spring.

This is a good thing as he is going to learn more about hard work, which I always teach is more important than talent. We see in the city the degrees of separation from God on what happens when sin enters into a family system and how hard it is to break the old patterns of sin.

Learning the discipline of following Jesus takes time. Part of this process of learning is on how to handle money and finances. Not tithing on our income, spending more than we take in and not putting God first in our spending decisions when we make choices can affect us for a long time either to the good or bad.

Our country is entering into dangerous territory with the national debt, where we owe more than we take in. But God is in control if we allow Him to be.

As we move forward in our ministry in the city, if I stop and think about how we're going to pay for all the things that I believe God wants us to do, I would hyperventilate. This is where we must trust in the Lord for His provisions as long as we are all doing our part.

At Jesus in the City we continue to teach the Biblical principles of sowing, reaping, giving and serving complimented with the work ethic of working hard to get out of debt. We continue to witness in part the miracle of tithing, and we know and thank God for your part in this miracle of allowing us to be vessels for the Lords work here in South Minneapolis.

Thanks so much for being a part of this miracle of Gods grace.

Moving forward in 2011 we are praying and planning to deepen our mentoring of men program, as we have seen much fruit in this area of our ministry. Our budget this past year was down due to the ministries revenues as well. We would like to ask you to continue to keep our financial needs in prayer and pray about your own partnership with us this year.

Thanks so much and God bless you this 2011!

Yours in Christ,
Rev Michael A Pilla





The volunteer team at Bachmans getting ready to load the vehicles.

Second Harvest delivering 6000 pounds of food for our Christmas In The City program to Bachmans. Shown here, is (Top) Jim the delivery guy, (Left to right) Van Dickerson of the JICF Ministry Team, Jeff Pilla General Manager of Bachmans, and Kelly Dokken of the JICF Ministry Team.



Jeff Pilla of Bachmans, Jeff is a critical link in this outreach to the less fortunate in the city.



Kelly Dokken with Pastor Retha and his daughter Whitley. Pastor Retha ministers on the North Side of Mpls. We partner with her for some of the families in need that she ministers to. Kelly and Whitley organized this massive logistical challenge. These three individuals are quite humble worker bees in Gods Kingdom.



(Above) Two of the many families from our volunteer pool who adopted families.

Our Christmas in the City outreach this year was wonderful!

Here are a few of the letters I received.

We showed up at Rodney and Kim Rasmussen apartment and could not get a hold of anybody. Called several times and then we switch phones to mine instead of Denise's and I called several times to Rodney's phone. Finally an answer Rodney was in church but the good news (well maybe not good news) Kim was home sick so Rodney called her and we were able to deliver the presents. All of us had a good laugh on how God helped the delivery happen. Kim was very grateful for the gifts they have been financially struggling of late.

Thanks,
Joel Peterson



Dear Michael,
Thank you for another great evening of fellowship and sharing God's love as families went into our local mission field and touched many lives. I can't wait to hear the stories!

Do you have an email address for Pastor Retha? I would like to follow up with her on the status of a family. You'll recall we couldn't deliver as they were recently relocated to protect them from a domestic abuse situation.

Again...thanks for all you do. This ministry is truly a blessing!

Shine on!
Dale Kersten
Missions Team Leader
Chapel Hill Church



From one of our Associate Pastor partners on the North Side:

There are no adequate words, that I can think of, to tell you how much I appreciate you. In the year since God has put you in the path of my life, I don't recall ever being so humbled. No one has ever taken an interest in me and my work (God's calling) as you have taken. I know it has been my maverick attitude, that has blocked some of my blessing, but you never seemed to notice. You just care. I'm sure "Jesus In The City" is a great ministry, however, it's the Jesus in you that brings tears of gratitude to my eyes, and some of God's grace into my life. So, I will just say, "with all my heart, I thank God for you". Continue to be blessed.

Retha Dowells-Coble
Assisting Pastor - Minneapolis Believers In Christ





Kurt Thompson with Roberta and Dale Rader (left), Kurt came into Jesus In The City one year ago, and has committed his heart to the Lord and has been sober. He has moved back to Wisconsin, and is a shining example of what God does in the restoration of a mans life.

This coming year:

We are looking to deepen our men's mentoring program starting this January. We will be looking for mentors going into 2011. Our revenues were down 26% last year 2010. We have not cut back on our ministry team or on our outreaches and services. We simply are trying to stretch everything out.

Moving forward with our 2011 budget, we continue to rely 100% on your financial support. We pray for you and hope that you can continue to support Jesus in the City Fellowship and be a part of Gods miracles of changing lives and bringing new hope into peoples lives. Thanks so much and God Bless you.

Rev Michael A. Pilla
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Would you like your newsletter emailed to you? Contact me at: 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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