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Our 28th Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

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Isaiah 58:6-7: “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”

Verse 12: **“You will be called Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”**

Greetings friends it has been some time since you have heard from me. I hope that you are doing well in this long winter. This past 6 weeks I have been battling some health issues as I came down with pneumonia in late January. I think that my stress level was at a high level

due to the last 2 years that I wore out. I am on the mend and feeling good. I am back working out etc. I am trusting the Lord to continue to heal and restore me in this new season.

As JICF is now in our 28th of ministry we have had to make some dramatic changes in December 2022. Due to the significant rise in crime and violence the attendance on our Sunday mornings in person services had dropped off dramatically. The building we were operating out of was no longer safe for our congregation and we were unable to grow in there. The violence was keeping people away.

Since Dec. 3rd we have been doing straight live streams. We are also helping in other church services in urban communities in Minneapolis / St. Paul. From our chapels at Metro Ministries in South Minneapolis to the St. Paul Union gospel Mission and our livestream teaching four times a week on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Our message is constant, **Jesus In The City is bringing Jesus to the City** near and far. Through our outreaches and chapels throughout the urban communities in the Twin Cities.

I am teaching on Wednesdays and on Sundays, Pastor Jeff Boyer is teaching on Monday evenings on the Book of Isaiah and Pastor Norton Lawellin and Pastor Jerry McCleskey are alternating teaching on Friday evenings. (Sometimes Pastor Norton is handling Sundays as well). The JICF team is also helping out with worship in other urban churches through-out the Metro area. As we follow the Lord's lead in how we move forward in bringing Jesus to the Cities near and far. JICF is committed to serving Christ and changing lives near and far.

Jesus In The City ministers to hundreds and hundreds of people every month. We rely on your financial partnership to fulfill our mission to the city.

Thank you so much for all of your support!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh

Friends, I am developing a weekly podcast video series in a talk format that will be dealing with the issues of the day in relationship to building up God's kingdom.

To launch this out of the gate it is going to cost us \$500.00 a month. I am looking for a sponsor for this for a one-year commitment.

We have to get our message of the city out in this media format and we have to control our own distribution of it, i.e., the platform.

Can you please partner with us in this endeavor, in addition to our monthly operating budget?

*One soul at a time...one family at a time.
And bit by bit we get to witness many miracles in the lives that are being restored.
All this is done through one-on-one involvement in men's and women's lives.
It is a demanding ministry and it takes time, devotion and love.*

Thanks for your support and prayers.

May the Lord Bless you richly in 2023!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh

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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2023

- Sunday morning Facebook live feed starts at 11:00am.
- Bible studies for mentoring and discipleship.
- Live streams at 7pm both Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.
- August 8, 2023, 13th Annual Pastors Urban and Suburban Fishing Tournament on Lake Minnetonka.
- Fall/Winter of 2023 Christmas In The City our 24rd Annual!

We rely on your prayers and support to continue this mission of bringing God's love through Jesus Christ to the city.

I thank you in advance for your continued support, and pray that you have a

*BLESSED EASTER
SEASON!*

In another response to the coronavirus, Pastor Norton is writing a daily text devotional to provide joy, comfort and encouragement. Please sign up to receive this beautiful reminder of the Lord's presence during this difficult time on your phone by calling or texting Krissie at (612) 227-1946.

I want to thank you who participated with our 23rd Christmas In The City outreach this past December. We had a wonderful outreach touching some 20 families in the urban communities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Every year we touch hundreds of individuals live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ sharing the love of God to the needy and those in poverty. Lives are being changed every year through the outreach of Jesus In The City bringing Jesus to the Cities. Personally, I am deeply grateful for your partnership with us in this great endeavor bring Jesus to the hurting and lost. As watch what is going on in our country and the planet. Remember the God has a plan and He is still in control. Pray and pray often. Thanks so much and God bless you, Pastor Michael



Pastor Michael with Lori Spiess, President of OffiCenters.



Desiree Buol and Ruth Meir helping with Christmas.



Malana and her young infant son.



Krissie Hirt helping with Christmas 2023.



The JICF worship team playing at Metro Hope Center Chapel.



A Thursday night at Metro Hope people worshipping with the JICF team.

Luke 15:20 NLT, Jesus teaching the Prodigal Son parable: "The son returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him."

You've all probably heard the parable of the Prodigal Son, who asked for his inheritance ahead of schedule, then squandered it in foolish lifestyle, and finally returned home with his tail between his legs. In our story, the "father" is a metaphor for "God," and the "prodigal son" could be any sinner wishing to repent and return.

But pretend with me that the "prodigal son" could be a metaphor for an entire nation, a country founded upon Godly principles, but that now had fallen into secularism, putting God on the back burner. God, of course being a loving and forgiving Father, desires that none would perish. He would want the entire nation to repent and return. And God would welcome them back with open arms!

Perhaps it's time to reprioritize God in our nation. At Jesus in the City, we're in favor of that! We tell our friends about Jesus; we invite new people to our churches - to redeem them, but also to increase God's presence in our country! We believe in giving God his rightful place on the throne of our nation!

Pastor Norton
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You can donate online at the Jesus In The City website. <http://www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org>

We are streaming our Sunday message live on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. and special classes and Bible studies on Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of our website home page to join our live streams or to see videos of past services and presentations.

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