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Isaiah 58:8-12 *"Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."*



God uses Jesus In The City to help change lives

2nd Corinthians 5:17 states in Christ all things are new; *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

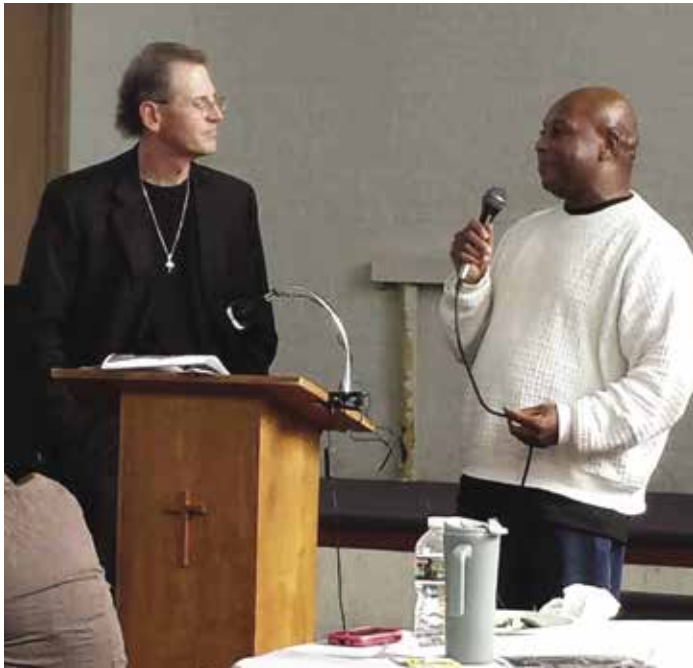
Life can be difficult. We live in a fallen world and we have to deal with the consequence of sin. But when we come to that realization, there can be a release that is freeing. At the same time, we want deeper change but we may not know how to make that change. What we need is an advocate who knows our needs and how to bring them to us. We need help in understanding our own pain and the wisdom to know how to move forward. This help can only come from above and not by our own power.

Change is difficult

The scripture above out of Corinthians talks about a very dramatic change that takes place. This change is instantaneous in the spiritual, but yet in the natural it can be distressing and will often take time to realize in our individual lives. A person who is walking through a change of life style and old mindsets will have to learn to apply God's Word to the challenges in their lives. Here at JICF we help men and women walk through this process of healing and restoration. We call it mentoring and discipleship.

Pastor Larry Lindsey has planted a new church

Ephesians 4:11 *"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."*



In the fall of 1999 Mike Mudgett, who at the time was our evangelist (Mike is now in Alaska ministering and a fishing Captain), brought Larry Lindsey into Jesus In The City Fellowship. Over the course of the next 4 years God healed and restored Larry. Larry was trained in preaching by Pastor Michael Pilla and in the fall of 2003, Larry was sent out from JICF to North Minneapolis to minister.

This past spring Larry, now Pastor Larry, planted a church in North Minneapolis. Larry is a powerful Bible teacher and preacher and attributes what he learned at JICF as his foundational spiritual roots to be able to minister and preach with success. We at JICF are proud of Pastor Larry Lindsey.

It all seems so simple to do as Jesus commands us in Matthew 28:19-20, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* Yet sometimes the challenges of life take priority over the time it takes to get into the lives of people who most need to hear this wonderful news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And then comes the issue of whether a person's heart is soft enough to hear and receive what we have to teach? Of course some of this is up to the timing of the Holy Spirit and some of it is our availability to be a witness.

Because of your partnership we are reaching men whose lives were over powered by the use of drugs and alcohol. Here is another story of a man whose life was changed by Christ and how he was touched through the mentoring ministry of JICF.

◆ MEL'S STORY ◆

Mel Manthey came into JICF about 4 years ago when he was about midway through the recovery program at Metro Hope Ministries. Through one of our mentors, Pastor Van Dickerson, he was lead to JICF. Mel had been battling alcoholism for 30 years before the Lord touched him and he surrendered his life to Jesus.

Mel states, "Jesus In The City Fellowship became my church family and mentored and encouraged me to where I am today. Now being the evangelism and outreach coordinator 4 years later, I am excited about the opportunities that the Lord has for not just me but for all of us at JICF."

Thank You Jesus for Mel's changed life!



Pastor Frank Massarano from International Ministerial Fellowship, (IMF) and Pastor Chuck Fenrick from the Union Gospel Mission at a special Pastors Luncheon hosted by KKMS / Salem Broadcasting. Jesus In The City Fellowship is an IMF church.

Thank you for your support



Jesus In The City is a missionary church, meaning we raise support on the outside to fund our mission in the city. We rely on your support and appreciate your partnership. Because of your faithful financial support we are able to touch and bring many people into God's kingdom so that they may experience the healing power of Jesus Christ.

We are currently praying for a warehouse to purchase on Lake Street so that we can set up a ministry outreach center to further the Kingdom of God in South Minneapolis.

I remain your servant in Christ,

Rev Michael Angelo Pilla



On June 17 Dan Pilla, with his brother Pastor Michael Pilla, did a teaching on Financial Restoration at New Hope Center.



Darrin on the right with his friend from New Hope Center. These are men whose lives have been deeply touched by Christ.



The musicians playing their instruments at a JICF celebration service on Sunday morning.



This was a potluck lunch gathering after one particular Sunday Service. Food is a great way to share the love of Christ.

**God has assembled an amazing ministry team at JICF in South Minneapolis
to do the work of evangelism and discipleship.**



JICF ministry team having lunch at Pepito's.

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God Bless you!

Pastor Michael Pilla <><

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Come and join us for great music in South Minneapolis at 10:00 am.

Go to our website for directions.

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