



## JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

*information and news update*

### **Our Fifteenth year of Ministry in South Minneapolis**

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

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#### **Mentoring and Discipleship**

There are numerous statements in the Gospel accounts that Jesus makes that I take quite seriously. Some of Jesus statements we may spend hours debating about what "He really meant", i.e. if your hand causes you to sin cut it off, or we must leave everyone to follow Him, or let the dead bury the dead. But some of Jesus statements are quite clear; below you will find a few of His statements that I take to heart.

1. **John 3:3** In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. (*Meaning we have to come into a spiritual rebirth in our hearts to spend eternity with God*).
2. **John 14:6** "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me". (*Meaning relationship through Jesus Christ is the way to salvation and eternal truth and brings us into relationship with God the Father*).
3. **Luke 10:25-37 The Story of the Good Samaritan.** *We are called to love the lost and hurting, Jesus is counter culture to the religious views of many people. Jesus calls us to reach out to those who are not like us.*
4. **John 17:20** – "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (*Here Jesus prays for unity in the church, that is something that we need to keep in mind in our various relationships*).
5. **Matthew 28:19-20** "go and make disciples of all nations." *Obedience to this command is what I think is the most difficult.*

At Jesus In The City we have a mentoring program that we are hoping to deepen. Our ministry to men can be hard and taxing. Yet this is the area that we feel bears the most fruit. It takes approximately 5 years from the day a man commits his heart to Jesus to becoming a productive member of society and Gods kingdom. Due to the complicated emotional and spiritual issues that a man goes through, perhaps as a child or in his teen years, there are many snares that come up in this process of mentoring.

Mike Lillie is the Assoc Mentoring Pastor at JICF, and he is working on a new program to bring more help in the area of counseling.

We are hoping and praying to develop a counseling program at JICF to further facilitate the healing and restoration that needs to take place in the men and in their family's lives. Most of the men have children, some of the men are married, and some are not. But the common thread is a deep severing of relationships that needs to be restored.

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In this vision that we are hoping to implement we desire to find counselors and mentors who would be available to help us in the trenches with the mentoring and discipleship of men and their families.

If this is of interest to you please contact us. We would love to hear from you, get your input and discuss what we intend to accomplish.

**Matthew 28:19-20**, *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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

**Christmas In The City Outreach was a huge success!**

I would like to thank all of our partners and supporters for their participation in our Christmas In The City program this past December. 25 families in poverty were fully adopted in this unique program and partnership with Bachman's Floral. A special thanks to Chapel Hill Church in Eagan, Grace Church Eden Prairie, Wells Fargo in Minneapolis and Bachman's Floral.

Many families in need were blessed and very grateful.

**Moving into 2010**

**I would like to thank you for your past financial support of Jesus in the City and hope that you can continue.** 90% of our budget comes from individuals like you. Your donations are helping to bring real change into peoples lives who previously have not experienced real hope and love, and now through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ they are experiencing real change. We pray for you and thank you in advance for your continued support of this important ministry.

God bless you this 2010.

In Christ,  
Rev Michael A Pilla



*Second Harvest dropping 7,500 pounds of food at Bachmans for our Christmas In The City outreach program.*



*The group picture of our delivery team at Bachmans for our Christmas In The City outreach program*



*Troy Sonnenfeld, Mike Lillie, Kelly Dokken, and Ralph Cork taking a break as we are loading up delivery vehicles for Christmas.*



*Delivery crews sorting and loading groceries for Christmas*



*Delivery crews sorting and loading groceries for Christmas in the City at Bachman's Floral (photos above and below)*



*Pastor Michael Pilla and Pastor Walt McFadden did their Two Pastors In The City Radio Show In Dec 28 on KKMS. Will be available on Podcast at twopastorsinthecity*



*Michael Pilla preaching at JICF Sunday Morning. New Hope center at JICF.*



*New Hope Center at JICF.*



*Mark Johnson is a Worship leader, Preacher and Evangelist who has been ministering with his wife Janalee for 25 years traveling extensively, he and Janalee are the Worship Leaders at JICF*



*New Hope Center at JICF.*



*The Preaching of the Word of God, as folks take in the Word out of the Gospel of St Luke chapter 1*



*Mollie Lillie, wife to Mike Lillie is in Grad School for Psychology.*



*Mark and Janalee Johnson and their son Steve leading JICF in Christmas Carols.*



*Mike Lillie is our Mentoring and Discipleship Pastor.*

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**LOCATION**

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