



JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

information and news update

Completing 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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Faith Hope and Charity and the Real Reason For Christmas

1st Corinthians 13:13 "and now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." NIV

It was the fall of 2000 when my cousin Jeff who is a General Manager for the Bachman's floral organization here in the Twin Cities called me and asked if they could adopt a family for Christmas. Well one family turned into three families and before you could blink your eyes God birthed a new Ministry called Christmas In The City.

That was 10 years ago. Since then we have had from as little as 20 families per year to up to 50 families adopted who were in poverty which we completely blessed with gifts for the whole family, food and a Bachman's Christmas Tree. Not only are these families adopted fiscally and emotionally but spiritually as well. We become Christ incarnate by getting involved in their lives, and teaching them about Jesus and the real reason for Christmas.

Bachman's has been an integral part of this important outreach and they continue to partner with us into this Christmas Season coming up as we use their Mpls. facility for our distribution center each December.

In the Gospel of Luke we read the story of the **Good Samaritan** and learn what real love and compassion looks like, by reaching out to those who are not like us and may make us feel uncomfortable. In this case the Good Samaritan was the one looked down upon by the religious community of the 1st century, and yet he shamed the others by taking care of someone who was down and out.

Now in this story, a man was asking Jesus what must I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus then challenged his belief system by asking "who is being a loving neighbor"? (Read Luke 10:36-37).

In our efforts to reach out to others in South Minneapolis, we attempt to be loving neighbors reaching out to those less fortunate to bring the Real Hope of Jesus Christ into the lives of others who may not know the love of God.

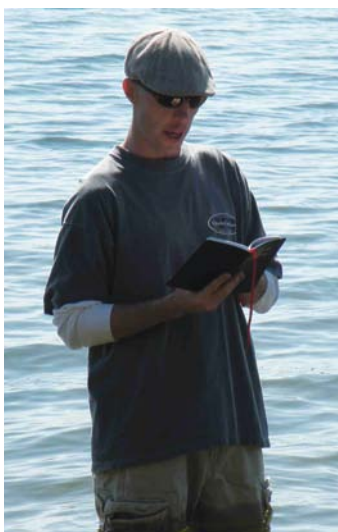
The cost of our Christmas In The City outreach is approximately \$500 per family. This is an exacting opportunity to get involved in a families life that is less fortunate and share the love of Christ with them.

If you would care to participate or donate to this, please contact us.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Michael A. Pilla

Inside this issue you can view pictures of some of the miracles that we have been privileged to watch this past summer.





Clockwise from top left:

Mike Lillie, (Mentoring Pastor), Pastor Michael Pilla and Kurt Thompson preparing for baptism @ Lake Harriet: Matthew 28:19; "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"...

Mike Lillie reciting prayers

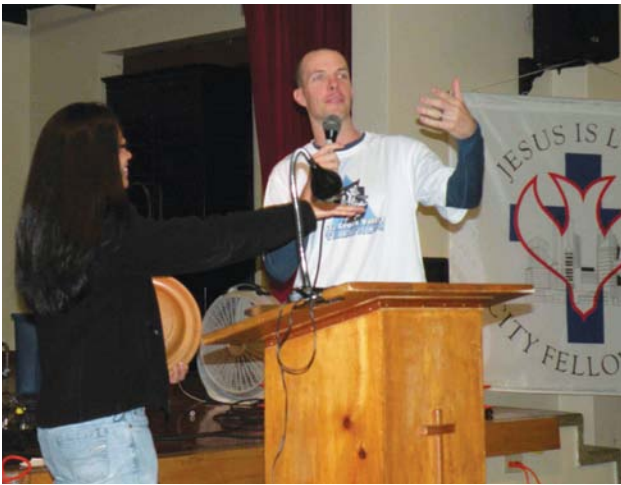
Pastor Michael Pilla baptizing Kurt; 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Tyler (photo on right) and Jim (photo on left), after completing their program at New Hope Center sharing their story of how God brought them through their trials.

Michael Pilla preaching at JICF Sunday morning- 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

Pastor Michael Pilla with staff of KKMS after radio broadcast





Clockwise from top left: 1. Mike and Molly Lillie teaching about what it means to tithe- 2 Corinthians 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2. Some of our ministry team playing at New Hope Center Graduation 3. Sunday morning at JICF 4. Ralph Cork our drummer has been on our ministry team for 11 years now. 5. Kelly Dokken and Kurt Thompson waiting for supper at Boy Lake 6. Please check out our podcast at our website and listen to the radio show Www. jesusinthecityfellowship.org 7. Our Christmas In The City program is gearing up, Troy Sonnenfeld, Mike Lillie, Kelly Dokken and Ralph Cork from last years delivery day. Are you interested in partnering with us this year? Let us know...



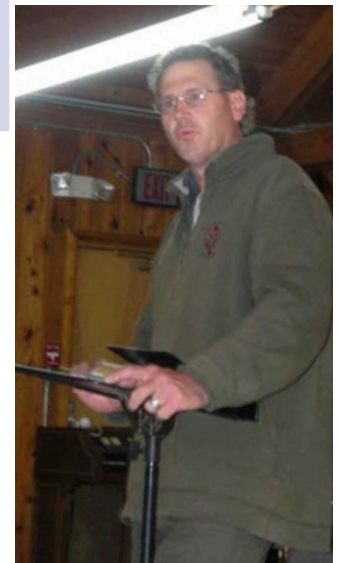
From Left: 1. Men of JICF @ The Fishers Of Men Retreat on Boy Lake. 2. Dan Pilla at Chapel speaking out of Romans 8:1, Therefore there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 3. Pastor Michael Pilla speaking at Chapel with Fishers of Men Retreat Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.

In November we will have our Christmas family information ready to distribute if you are interested in participating.

Also we are looking to deepen our men's mentoring program starting this January, We will be looking for mentors going into 2011.

Moving forward with our 2011 budget, we continue to rely %100 on your financial support as we now do not have any suburban partner churches. 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 their lives. Thanks so much and God Bless you this coming Thanksgiving Season.

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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.

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