



JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

information and news update

Our 18th year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

Fulfilling the great commission through outreach and spiritual restoration.

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There are many statements and commands that Jesus is quoted as saying. Some could be debated about the meanings, and then there are some that are quite poignant and clear. For example, His last commands before His death on the cross and leading up to it, I personally believe, are deeply important and distinct. For example, Jesus prays to His Father in John 17:20 for unity. Or when He states to His disciples in John 15:4-5 "*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*" This command is also very clear.

Just as in **Matthew 28:19-20**, we read the last recorded statement or command Jesus gives to His disciples before His ascension into heaven: *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, 20* and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* There's no getting around this one either.

For centuries the ministry model was to send out the apostles and evangelists to witness and plant churches throughout the world. People were trained to learn the languages and the cultures and then be sent out. Now over the last 15 years we have witnessed a dynamic shift in this model.

Check out these statistics regarding the Twin Cities and the Phillips neighborhood, specifically as it relates to the Book of Acts. In the Phillip's neighborhood there is now 160 languages spoken, all in a radius of 6 blocks from our church headquarters.

The Twin Cities has the largest concentration of Somalis outside of Somalia of which 99% are Muslim. There is, according to my sources, active recruiting going on of young teens in S. Mpls to train and send back these youths to Somalia to fight as terrorists.

In addition, drug dealing, gangs and addiction issues are still prevalent in our very neighborhood. Now think about the big picture regarding this.

God has brought the world to the Twin Cities for the church to share JESUS with them, and this without us having to send missionaries overseas to reach them. The mission field is right here in our own backyard! Sending missionaries overseas is much more costly compared to



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what we have and can do right here in S. Minneapolis. JICF is equipped with a dynamic and trained ministry team with much experience and wisdom to offer this mission field in our own back yard.

We at Jesus in the City believe that we have only scratched the surface in regards to reaching people with the gospel for Jesus Christ. Wouldn't you like to participate in this great endeavor with us? There is a huge opportunity here for you to make a difference in the young men's and their families lives that we are reaching.

Please prayerfully consider joining with us in prayer and in financial partnership on this campaign to acquire the Oliver Ministry Center so we can continue with the training and equipping of the next generation of leaders for urban ministry. It is our prayer that this new and upcoming leader group will come out of those we reach now. Our heart is to be an integral part of the life altering events in these young men's lives that will liberate them from whatever is binding them to become free in Christ to serve Him.

This month we have many opportunities for you to partner with us. We are currently looking for more mentors for the men we minister to at Jesus in the City.

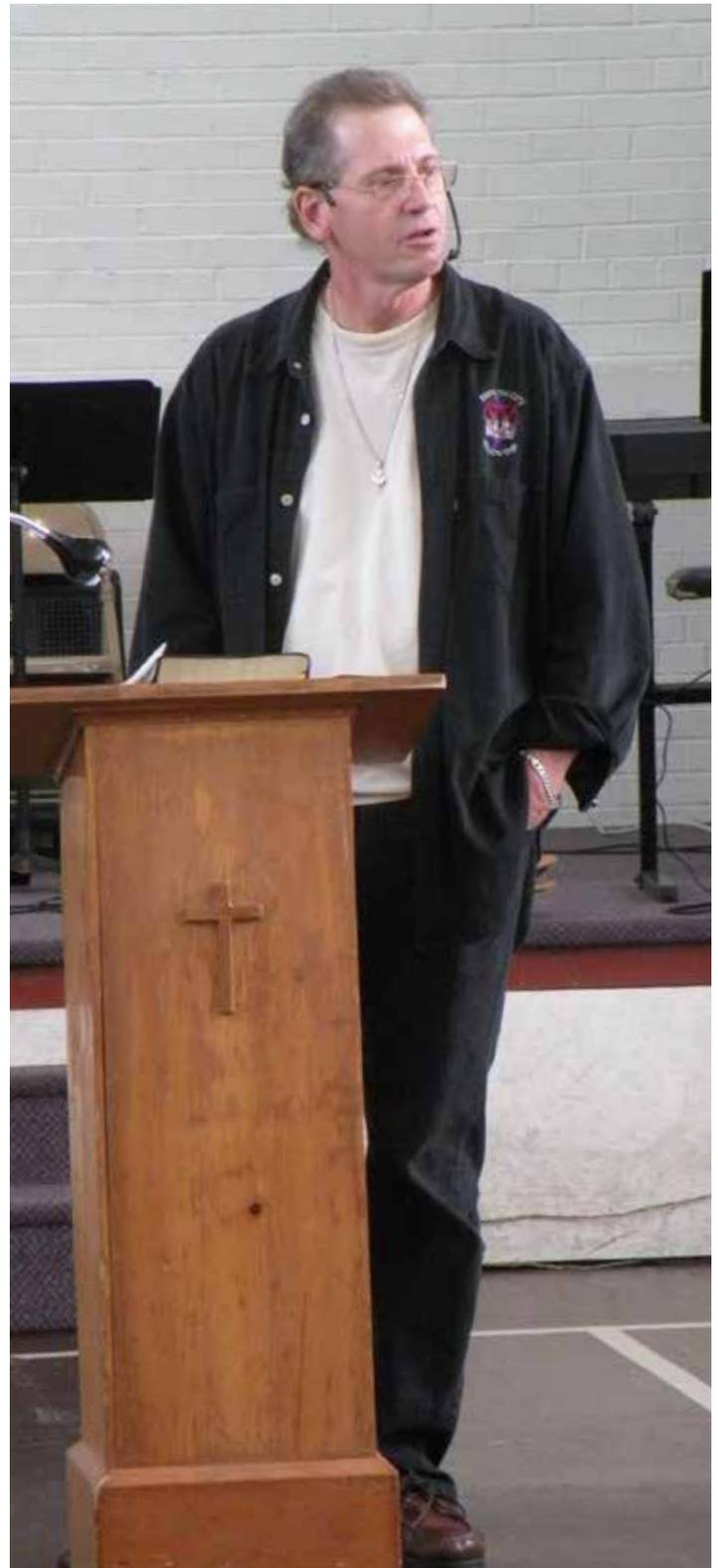
On October 2, 2013, Wed at 11am to 1pm we are going to host our 4th luncheon, called ***Who Is Your Neighbor***, at the Oliver Ministry Center on 2647 Bloomington Ave South Minneapolis, 55407.

We would like you to join us for this luncheon. Please RSVP at 612-730-3390 or email me at michaelangelo@pclink.com.

We hope that you can be a part of these discussions with us. If you have questions, please call me. Again read through the information on the inside of this newsletter and let us know what you think.

Thank you so much for your awesome partnership with us this past year. I thank God for you. Let us know how we can pray for you. Have a blessed fall!

I remain your servant in Christ,
Rev. Michael Angelo Pilla



*Michael Pilla preaching about
Who is Your Neighbor at JICF*



Roberta Rader in prayer and worship at JICF Sunday service



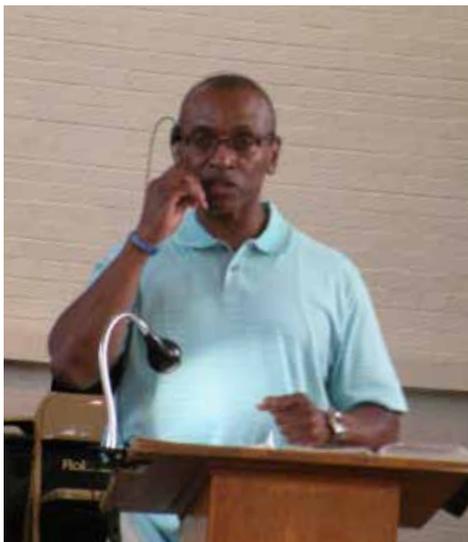
Rick Anderson playing guitar at JICF Sunday Service



Tony Lopez drumming at JICF



The Men at JICF



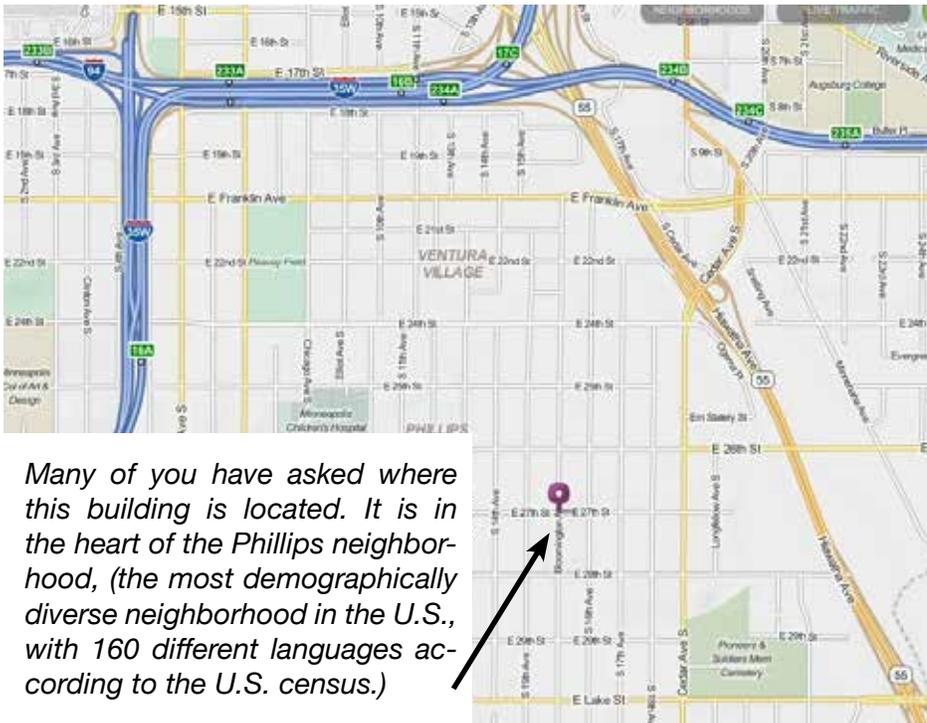
Van Dickerson sharing his story of how Jesus changed his life as he preaches out of Luke chapter 13



Michael Pilla preaching at JICF



Carol and Gene Blair, at Sunday JICF Carol leads a mens bible study at the VOA on Lake Street on Friday nights.



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JICF T-Shirts \$20

Many of you have asked where this building is located. It is in the heart of the Phillips neighborhood, (the most demographically diverse neighborhood in the U.S., with 160 different languages according to the U.S. census.)

OLIVER BUILDING UPDATE

We are presently working on our fund raising and capital campaign to raise the necessary funding to purchase this property.

JESUS IN THE CITY RELIES 100% ON YOUR SUPPORT

DONATE ONLINE You can donate on line to Jesus In The City at our web site, www.jitcfellowship.org. Thanks so much again for all your support.

Would you like your newsletter emailed to you? Contact me at: Michaelangelo@pclink.com

LOCATION

We are now holding services at Oliver Ministry Center at
2647 Bloomington Ave. So., Mpls., MN 55407.
Come and join us for great music in South Minneapolis at 10:30 am.
Go to our website for directions.

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

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