



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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As I am writing this newsletter I was listening to the news regarding the terrorist attacks in Kenya by Al Qaida terror cells from Somalia. Some of the young men involved were allegedly recruited in South Minneapolis by Al-Shabab, an Al-Qaida-linked extremist Islamic group according to news reports.

If you read my last newsletter, you will recall I mentioned how the Phillip's neighborhood is the most diverse neighborhood in these United States and that the model for JICF ministry presently is to train those we reach for Christ with the objective of having them return to their homeland with the Gospel message. (See Star Trib. article on next page).

Now more than ever, your help is required for this journey of reaching the lost and bringing the reality of Jesus Christ and His freeing grace to those folks who are in bondage to sin and darkness.

Jesus in the City wants to deepen and broaden its reach and ministry. We are also in need of a permanent location. The hope of buying the Oliver Building has not transpired. It appears it may not happen, as the denomination that owns the building has had a change of heart. We believe there are other options and trust the Lord is with us guiding and protecting us. We of course are still holding services there, but believe there may be better opportunities for us and a building that would be less costly to operate on a monthly basis.

This journey we call Urban Ministry is complicated and difficult. I was talking to Pastor Roland Wells today who for the past 25 years has been deeply committed to Urban Ministry; he commented that things take 5 times longer to manifest in the city. Although this may sound discouraging the flip side of this is that God has blessed us with a joy and passion for Him and for those souls who do not know Him. We also get to witness many miracles.

We need your help now for our monthly budgetary needs, (we are \$9000 behind) and for our upcoming yearly Christmas In The City Outreach.



**Below is a reprint from the MPLS TRIBUNE
Minneapolis Star Tribune, September 24, 2013**

The bombing of a Kenyan shopping mall by the terrorist organization Al-Shabab is shining an unwelcome spotlight on Minnesota's Somali community, which has been tied in the past to terrorism and Islamic extremism.

Home to the largest Somali community in the United States, the Twin Cities has been a recruiting ground for Al-Shabab, an Al-Qaida-linked extremist Islamic group that has taken responsibility for carrying out the attack on the Westgate Mall in Nairobi. Minnesota Somali leaders on Monday moved quickly to distance the community from the attacks, while awaiting word on the possibility that recruits from the state may once again be involved in violent terrorist action overseas. They refused to address reports that Somali-Americans were involved in the attack and said they had little information about who may have been involved.

Kyle Loven, a spokesman for the FBI in Minnesota, said the local office's investigation into recruitment of Somali-Americans into Al-Shabab remains active. He added that the local office is monitoring the situation in Nairobi but is not able to confirm identities of anyone involved.

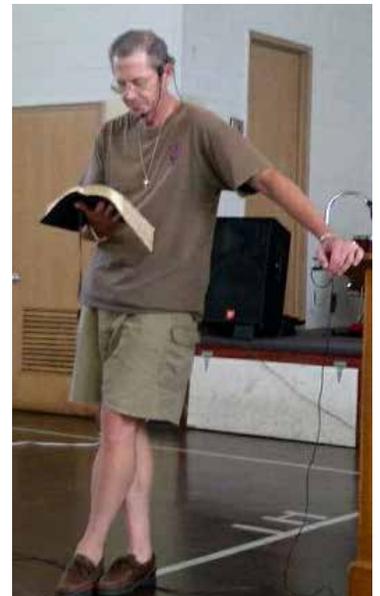
Also on Monday, a Kenyan official told PBS News Hour that two or three Americans were involved in the attack, and that one or two of them may have lived in Minnesota.

As you can see in the above article, our work is cut out for us in bringing Jesus to the city. We need your help now. A building is available this coming month for us to purchase. We are feeling led to put an offer on it. It is a theater on Franklin Ave and Chicago Ave in South Minneapolis. Our offer will be in the \$500,000 range and we will need additional funds for remodeling expenses. Please pray about this endeavor and if you would like to be involved with your Time, Talents and Treasure.

We need you to pray about making a financial commitment to Jesus in the City, monthly and or yearly. We want to finish in the black this year in our yearly budget.

My prayers and thoughts are also for you to join up with us in the work so we can ever deepen our reach and presence in South Minneapolis. I am praying that the Lord will bless you in ways beyond your hopes and dreams. I am thanking you in advance for your partnership and care for us.

I remain your servant in Christ, Rev Michael Angelo Pilla



*Rev Michael Pilla
preaching at JICF*

Jesus In The City Fellowship

Presents the 14th Annual

Christmas In The City 2013

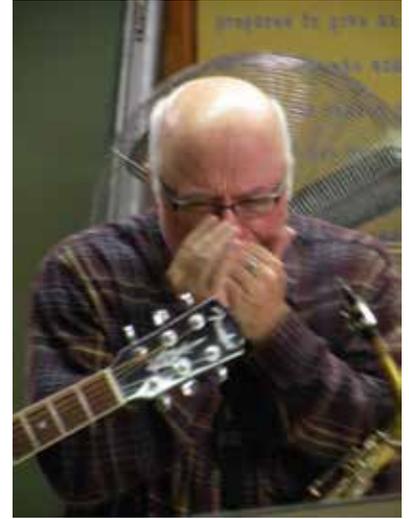
Join us in making Christmas special for a less fortunate family.
Your generosity can provide hope to a family in need.



Jeff Boyer and Nathaniel Harris leading worship at the Fall Retreat.



Rev Michael Pilla blessing the Communion Elements at the Sunday Morning Service Fall Retreat.



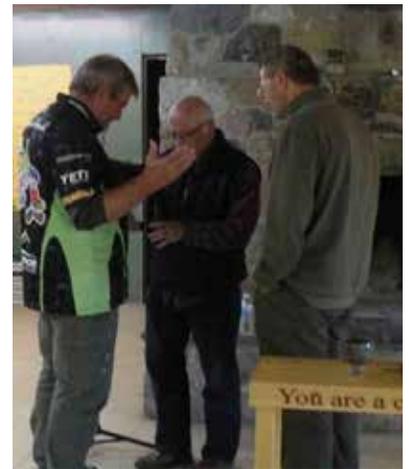
Jeff Boyer playing harmonica at the Fall Retreat.



Darrin graduating from New Hope Center.



Kristine Hirt, Nathaniel Harris and Jeff Boyer leading worship.



Pastor Michael Pilla and Jeff Boyer praying for Steve Cruikshank at the Fall Retreat.



The Fishing For Life and Jesus In The City fall retreat at Boy Lake this September.



Rev Van Dickerson with his first Northern Pike.



Jesus In The City Ministry team at the fall retreat.



Dan Pilla preaching at JICF Sunday Service.



Christmas In The City

is an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Jesus to families living in Minneapolis. Together we can make Christmas wishes a reality. If your business, church, or neighborhood is interested in sponsoring a family, contact: Pastor Michael Pilla c 612-730-3390, email- michaelangelo@pclink.com

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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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