



## JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

information and news update

### Our 19th year of Ministry in South Minneapolis *Who Is Your Neighbor Minnesota?*

***In The Book of Romans Paul writes to the Church in Rome that he desires to come to them and visit them as he has heard of their faith.***

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“God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.” Romans 1:9-10.

**Some years later his desire is fulfilled although it is not the way he would have hoped. He endured riots, persecutions, imprisonment, trials and now a shipwreck in a violent storm that probably took place in the month of November, and he is washed up on the shores of Malta. \* Then a venomous snake bites him!**

Acts 27:1-3

“When it was decided that we would sail for Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were handed over to a centurion named Julius, who belonged to the Imperial Regiment. We boarded a ship from Adramyttium about to sail for ports along the coast of the province of Asia, and we put out to sea. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was with us. The next day we landed at Sidon; and Julius, in kindness to Paul, allowed him to go to his friends so they might provide for his needs”,

Verses 39-43

“When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. But the ship struck a sand-bar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf. The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the centurion wanted to spare Paul’s life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land.”

This adventure and journey we are on that we call Urban Ministry often feels like the above narration of the early church. The Lord always has a plan but people are not always obedient to follow that plan. Despite this, our God still works His ways to fulfill His will.

#### Transformation

When a person claims Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and is filled with Holy Spirit, their thoughts, words and behaviors will change. We call this Radical Transformation. The Bible fuels that change, as it says in Romans 12:2, *“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind through God’s Word.”* This is an arduous process that can take up to five years. At JICF, we become the hands and feet of Jesus as we mentor men on their journey from hell back to heaven, by walking with them as they heal. We’re always seeking partners to help us facilitate this radical transformation

At this writing our present lease at the location we are in will be up by the end of June. We do not know at this time where JICF will end up. We had attempted to purchase this building for the ministry but it has now changed hands and the new owners are the Presbyterian Denomination.

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PLEASE KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT LEAVING SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS. We are trusting in the Lord for our next move. I ask that you would please keep these matters as well as the budgetary needs of the ministry in prayer.

**Thank you for your support**

**Jesus In The City** relies on your support and we thank you for that in advance. 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.

I hope that you have are having a blessed summer.

I remain your servant in Christ, Rev Michael Angelo Pilla



*A RECENT PASTORS LUNCHEON  
HOSTED BY KKMS.*

*Pastor Colin Akehurst of Metro Hope Ministry and  
Pastor Roger Kunz of IMF. (top)*

*Carol and Pastor Frank Massarano of International  
Ministerial Fellowship and Pastor Randy Alonso.  
(top left)*

*Rev. Steve Cruikshank from Fishing For Life and  
Pastor Ron Brovold of IMF. (bottom left)*

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*A recent Sunday Morning service at JICF  
(bottom)*



*Janet Carlson, Linda Case and Tabitha Carter helping to lead worship at a Sunday Morning JICF service. (top)*



*Pastor Michael Pilla sharing his testimony at a chapel service at New Hope Center in South Minneapolis. (top right)*

*Pastor Michael praying at the Fishing For Life Dinner this past March. (bottom right)*



*Pastor Michael Pilla and Sam Nero at the KKMS pastors luncheon. (bottom)*



## Jesus In The City prayer requests and ministry opportunities

- We are currently looking for a new facility to hold our Sunday Services and midweek meetings. Please keep this in your prayers.
- At the present time we are behind on our financial budget. Please keep this your prayers.
- We have many ministry opportunities for individuals who want to become spiritual mentors to the men and women we are ministering to at JICF.

Again I thank you so much for your support, partnership and prayers. Without your support we could not do what we do. Sincerely yours, Michael Pilla



*Pastor Michael Pilla Preaching*

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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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