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Isaiah 58:11-12; you will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will rise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

The scripture above is part of the calling of Jesus In the City and our Christmas in The City outreach is part of the way we reach out to those who are in need to share Christ.

Thanks to your partnership with JICF, this past December's Christmas In The City was a huge succes. Some 85 individuals, (18 families) were blessed and experienced the love of Christ.



We would also like to thank our corporate sponsors Wells Fargo, Bloomington OffiCenter and to Bachman's for their partnership with JICF. Also a shout out to all the volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes on this years outreach to make this happen, thank you. As the Bible states in Isaiah, you will be called a Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

This past week we followed up with the families as we held a special service for them on Sunday Jan 17. Dan Pilla preached at this special service discussing the Biblical view of Family and Gods plan for them.

Here is a note from a mother from one of the families:

Dear Pastor Pilla, I want to thank you so much for the food and target gift card and the gifts. I have a special needs child and as a single mom I had take off of work this past summer to recover from my second cancer diagnosis. This was huge help due to my budget constraints. God bless you, Pam.

Thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla



Dan Pilla preaching on behalf of the sanctity of life and marriage at JICF.



Pastor Van Dickerson teaching about the parable of the sower out of Mark Ch. 4.



Our deepest condolences to Pastor Retha and her family.
On January 3, 2016 Pastor Retha's daughter Gina passed away and went home to be with the Lord due to an unforeseen illness.

Pastor Retha is the Associate Pastor of Family Ministry at JICF. We will be developing our outreach to families in South and North Minneapolis through Pastor Retha's skills and relationships that she has developed over the past few years.

We are currently raising financial support for Pastor Retha's salary to help enable her to minister fulltime in this role. Please keep this in prayer as we move forward in 2016.



Dan Pilla shown here speaking at a Fishing For Life event here as he is explaining the Biblical d n a of our great country.



Pastor Michael Pilla preaching out of Luke chapter 2, explaining the scriptures, "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;

He is Christ the Lord."



The OffiCenter staff, Tina, Steve, Amanda and Lori Spiess (the owner of OffiCenter) sponsored a family. They are shown here with Pastor Michael Pilla.





Two very grateful Christmas families.



Families and some of the volunteers for Christmas In The City.



Pastor Michael Pilla with cousin Jeff Pilla, (Jeff is the general manager of Bachman's where the distribution for Christmas In The City takes place). Also shown is Joseph Smith and Hannah St. Cyr.



Some of the devoted JICF team members at Bachman's.



Ruth Meir and Roberta Rader sorting out the groceries for Christmas In The City.



The sorted groceries from 2nd Harvest ready for delivery at Bachman's.

God has assembled an amazing ministry team at JICF in South Minneapolis to do the work of evangelism and discipleship.



Jesus In The City Ministry relies on your financial and spiritual support to help us to minister in South Minneapolis.

We are behind in our budget and we need your help. Could you please pray about a one time gift or becoming a monthly supporter of JICF.

We can also receive monthly contributions electronically. Please contact me at (612) 730-3390.

Thank you so much!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Michael Pilla



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God Bless you! Pastor Michael Pilla <><

LOCATION

We are holding services at Oliver Ministry Center at

2647 Bloomington Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55407

Come and join us for great music in South Minneapolis at 10:00 am.

Go to our website for directions.

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