# **KYLE JOE & LISA RENEE HICKS MISSIONARIES TO THE STREETS OF DETROIT**

## **MARCH 2018**

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Greetings Friends of Outcry- March has been a good month and yet a much tougher and more emotional month than we ever thought possible.

Thurs Mar/1/18- We were hit by a big snow storm, I had to drop off items with Larenne Clark for her husband Stephen Clark, then I did a huge clean up at Prayer Baptist Church, that evening Miss Lisa and I went down and preached, sang, fed and clothed at Michigan Ave and Central Ave. I preached "In Sincerity And Truth" in a big snow squall there.

**Fri March/2/18-** I was in the midst of a huge clean up at Prayer Baptist Church and all I can tell you is I had something happen that confirmed that "It all fell apart!" It was a "Good grief Charlie Brown" moment. The list at the end will explain!

Later that night we went to a second Retirement Party for Channel 7's Stephen Clark, unfortunately due to my big mess up we ran late for the event. I interviewed Larenne Clark about the Scarlet's Smile Playground. It is a Million Dollar Playground for Children with wheelchairs to be able to play with their

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friends on playground equipment, this is big and I just love the scale of what Stephen and Larenne and Team Scarlet are attempting to do!

Miss Lisa and I went to Michigan Ave and Central and preached, sang, fed and clothed in front of the Salvation Army Thrift Store at about 10:00 p.m. I preached "Don't Jump" how that Satan tested the Lord Jesus Christ with the lust of the flesh, eyes and life and yet He did not fall into sin.

Sat March/3/18- I helped Shirley McFadden, her daughter Emily Mc Fadden, and her daughters and Marilyn Bruce in cleaning up the kitchen at Prayer Baptist it was not a light over haul but deep cleaning.

Sun March/4/18-That night Miss Lisa and I preached, sang, fed and clothed folks again at West Vernor and Cabot where I preached "A Full Soul Loatheth An Honey Comb."

**Mon March/5/18-** After a morning of office work I joined Larry and Regina Ackerman and we went and preached, sang, fed and clothed again at Michigan Ave and Central it was terribly slow, so we went to Greek Town downtown for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in weeks. We met a whole new troop of young alcoholics and Heroin addicts. We met a young man whose street name is "Freed" he ask if he could play my guitar and he played and sang a scary disturbing song called "Zombie Land" where this man wrote a song about the Yuppie Zombies who will not even make eye contact with he and his Homeless friends.

**Tues March/6/18**- After a few hours of office work I met with Larry, Regina, Keith and Shelly Abraham Ackerman and Greg Sr. and Shirley Mc Fadden and John and Barb Edmonds for a big clean up and clothing separation.

Weds March/7/18- I did another big clean up at Prayer Baptist, bought a guitar, case, strap, capo. Then headed up to see my mother Marion Hicks and pick up clothing and other items from her garage. Then I went down and gave this guitar to "Freed". I woke him out of his sleep and he began to cry after I tuned the guitar up for him. I filmed a video of him singing another song he wrote called "I Think It's Finally Sinking In", a song about having too many "so called friends." This Homeless gent loved his guitar and Thank You to the folks that helped me in being able to get this and to Guitar Center in Canton Michigan. Glory! Made this Homeless man's heart so happy!

Thurs March/8/18- Rollie Christie Jr. or "Bubba" one of the kids from our old youth street preaching group helped me clean at Prayer Baptist where we cleaned up taking all the winter clothing items out of the Bunk Bed storage room down stairs. Bubba also helped me move the trailers and vehicles around and we got canned goods together for his family.

Fri March/9/18 BIKEWEEK 2018 I did even more cleanup at Prayer Baptist then Miss Lisa and I headed out for the south heading to preach at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week Rally.

Sat March/10/18- We fed a few Homeless people in a Mc Donald's in Covington Kentucky then headed down to the Lee's Chapel Baptist Church Chapel Baptist Church where Brother Dennis Hicks is pastor. That night I was allowed to speak at a special meeting at Lee's Chapel that Brother Dale Dotson had set up for me to meet several of the preachers in that area that have given all kinds of items to our ministry. I preached on "IF" or "Revivals Ifs" we truly had a great service.

**Sun.** Mar/11/18- I preached "Are you God's Friend" at the Lee's Chapel Baptist Church in Sweetwater Tennessee during the morning service. Thank you to Pastor Dennis Hicks for allowing me to come down and thank you Brother Dale Dotson for setting this meeting up for me.

That evening we attended the services at the New Hope Baptist Church in Rossville, Georgia where Brother Gary Wilkerson is pastor so good to see Brother and Sister Wikerson and other friends and to hear Brother Gary preach.

After service Miss Lisa and I ate a Cracker Barrel in Ringold Georgia and saw Evangelist Johnny Mitchell there we were shocked!

Mon Mar/12/18- We drove to Jacksonville Florida.

Tues Mar/13/18- As we were getting ready to leave our Motel my phone rang and I answered and heard Laura Hurst on the other end and she told me that Danny Hurst had passed away, I almost fell out of the van! Danny was about 16 when he 1<sup>st</sup> went street preaching with me back in 1986 when he was in the Heritage Baptist Church and Christian School in Auburn Hills Michigan, where pastor John T Fields is pastor. Danny was like a little Brother to me when he was younger and all those years ago I was his protector during the height of Detroit's Crack Cocaine explosion when we preached with George Nash Sr. and "Big Terry" Angona or "Tare Bear", Ronnie Harper and others. It's hard to believe that the 2 "kids" from back then Big Terry and Danny have both died! I was already having a pulled shoulder muscle issue but as soon as I heard of Danny's death I tensed up and my lower right hand side of my back went straight out!

Later that night I called Laura back from a restaurant in Daytona and she said she was going to hold up the whole funeral until we got back from Bike Week, "Because Dan always loved you the most." After I hung up, I was sitting across from Miss Lisa and we were surrounded by a huge crew of bikers dressed in black and I took the black table napkin buried my face in it and wept and cried like a baby, So sad!

**Weds Mar/14/18**- I was almost too stiff to move the weather in the Daytona area was cold with periodic rains, and late that night I found out the another friend and helper Big Barry Newman had also died on the same day Danny died, Good Lord man talk about a "Even so come Lord Jesus" moment.

**Thurs March/15/18-** My upper back-shoulder had a pulled muscle and my lower back was sprained, my heart was broke, I'd spent enough time eating Aleve and Muscle relaxers and feeling like a mass of pudding, So I started another of my hilarious online "No Pineapple Pizza" debates the comments cheered my heart some, We filmed a Main Street at night video for everyone to see but I could still barely get in and out of the van!

3-16 Yes it was **Fri March/16/18**- And Brother Joe here turned 57 years old! Of those 57 years almost 42 of those years have been spent on the Streets of Detroit. Truthfully I was in semi constant tears as I thought about Danny and Barry and nearly 500 people wished me "Happy Birthday" online, one woman Brenda Hendrix sent me a picture of a 3-16 / John 3:16 computer art work explaining "What A Day To Be Born!" I do not remember ever even thinking about the irony of being born on that date and that verse

address. One of the biggest criticisms I had all my life is "You give too much!" The grey clouds melted away in my heart that day, I took another handful of Aleve and went out and preached John 3:16 "For God so loved that he gave" to the Bikers on my Birthday, Thank you Miss Brenda!

Sat March/17/18- Miss Lisa and I bought supplies, prepped Hot Dogs in our Motel Room and went out and fed Homeless and Addicted men and women in Daytona and Holly Hill that night, in the midst of the roar of the busiest night of Bike Week met a quiet mentally ill African American man named Justin, laying on a side walk barefoot curled up around his shoes. We fed him and gave him blankets and socks and he told Miss Lisa that he felt "Cozy", it made the whole trip so far worth wild. As we fed him others came down and ate, it was just great! We found and fed others that evening as well including some who told us I used to be a Biker, my life fell apart, sold my Bike on foot now just trying to survive!

**Sun March/18/18- Tues March/20/18-** The massive Biker Exodus happened and the area went silent! I heard Brother James Knox make a statement in a sermon that Daytona is a "Prostitute City" in that it will sell itself and its morals anything for money, God help that area of our country!

Weds March/21/18- We returned to Jacksonville and Miss Lisa had a terrible migraine headache, sadly when we finally went out to eat that night a viciously aggressive mentally Homeless man went into the fancy expensive next door to the Mexican Joint we were eating at. He cussed everybody out had about 10 men follow him out to fight but they really did not want anything to do with this psychotic man when he turned back towards them. Then he screamed, cursed and squared off on a woman to hit her when some King Kong sized dude who followed him and grabbed the mentally ill homeless man and tossed him onto a outside table. The man jumped up and gave the big man a double cussing out, which provoked both of them even worse and they clashed again and the big man tossed the deranged man even further into the middle of the traffic lane in the parking lot. It did not upset me nearly as much as it did Miss Lisa because it reminded me of what our old Buddy Rabbit told me about dealing with violently insane people on the streets Rabbit said, "If ya want to go Nutty, We'll go Nutty!" But both of us still felt sorry for the poor "Whacked out" man because there really is no way of knowing what all he has been through, was he born "Off" or did something he do or went through set him off? Either way the big dude that sent him bouncing convinced him to leave both that restaurant and the area quickly.

Having seen and heard this it just reminded us of our own street ministry in Detroit and as "Nutty" as this may sound some guys just like him are amongst our favorites, there's a screw or two loose and you really have to be vigilant and watch them but many still respond to kindness extremely well. It just as sad as it was shocking!

**Thurs March/22/18**- We drove all the way back to Athens Tennessee in order to meet with Brother Dale Dotson the next day.

**Fri March/23/18**- After meeting with Brother Dale Dotson in Sweetwater Tennessee and picking up canned good supplies from him and hearing about what his next idea about helping our street ministry, we "High Tailed" it back home as fast as we could legally get there. We dropped off Miss Lisa's luggage and then we went up to a "Last Day at Work Party" thrown in honor of Joanne Purtan who is the beautiful daughter of a famous Detroit area radio celebrity Dick Purtan who started the Salvation Army

"The Bed and Bread Club" years ago with WJR Radio AM 76. Joanne who is really a sweetheart of a woman who has worked at WXYZ Channel 7 Action News for the past 20 years did not have her contract renewed due to corporate downsizing.

We got to see her and as she was introducing Miss Lisa and I, Joanne told the man about our street ministry and how that we feed and preach right out in the streets and Miss Joanne said to him, "They are the real deal!" Thank you Miss Joanne to have someone of your caliber say that means the world to us! We Love you!

Sat March/24/18- We unloaded and rearranged most of the day.

**Sun March/25/18**- I attended services at Prayer Baptist to hear Brother Greg McFadden Jr. preach, Lisa went to church with her dad at Fairhaven Baptist, that evening we went up to the funeral home to se Laura Hurst and her sons Rookie, Nathaniel, Matthew and Thaddeus, it was tough pray for them.

Mon March/26/18- In its own way preaching the funeral of Daniel Joseph Hurst, who I have always called Danny was the toughest funeral I've ever preached. I knew that Danny had been having some problems and Laura had even contacted me not so long ago about Danny nearly dying. Amongst all the weird emotions I felt was that of "Kicking myself" for not calling him. I preached a calming message with the gospel and three trusted Christ, then I gave a big challenge to people to just get right with God.

That afternoon I picked up supplies from my mother's garage then later that evening Larry, Regina and Rachael Ackerman and I went to West Vernor and Cabot where we fed, clothed Rachael and I sang, then I preached a Resurrection street message "Rolling away the Stone."

Tues March/27/18- Office work day,

**Weds March/28/18**- Brother Dave and Sister Carroll Duncan had a good size load of bags of clothing that I picked up from them, Thank You!

Thurs March/29/18- Clean up and preparation day at the Prayer Baptist Church of Westland Mi.

**Fri. March/30/18**- Sister Dawn Wyrybkowski a member of Metro Baptist Church in Belleville, Mi. had contacted me about picking up supplies that she had bought for our outreach before Lisa and I left to preach at Bikeweek in Florida but I flat ran out of time to get it before we left.

Later that cold evening Sister Dawn went with Lisa and I out on the streets. We fed, clothed, preached and I sang "The Character of Barabbas" at West Vernor and Cabot. Then we fed again at Michigan Ave. and Central. We had food supplies from Jim and Linda Anders that Miss Lisa brought down Thank You! Then we loaded up the items that Sister Dawn got for the ministry on the way home.

**Sat March/31/18**- Brother Joe here spent a good amount of time during the day unloading and separating the items that Sister Dawn Wyrybkowski ordered for us and I was shocked how much there was from just one gal, Thank You! Then I shot a few Thank You videos and prepped food for that night.

Later that warmer evening Miss Lisa and I returned to West Vernor and Cabot and fed, clothed, sang and I preached the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 Resurrection season messages "He Saved Others."

**Sun. April/1/18- RESURRECTION SUNDAY-** Miss Lisa attended services with her Dad and I went up to the Rochester Hills Baptist Church where I grew up and attended services with my Mom, we all met in Livonia for lunch. When I got home I had to take a nap, then later I prepped food and then Miss Lisa and I went and fed, clothed, sang and I preached the 3<sup>rd</sup> Resurrection themed message "Why weepest thou?" in honor of the 3 days that the Lord Jesus Christ was in the grave at the corner of Michigan Ave and Central in front of a Salvation Army Thrift Store building. The Salvation Army Store is moving and the building is up for rent... Hmm?

Keep us in Prayer please!

For the Streets, Kyle Joe Hicks

#### FRIENDS OF OUTCRY VOLUNTEERS

Back on March/2/18 I mentioned that "It all feel apart" and that I had a "Good grief Charlie Brown" moment and I am not kidding!

Looking back at this Fall, Winter now into Spring all I can say is that it was both Barbaric and also Glorious!

We helped with the Scarlet's Smile Sweetest Day Party, then went to Biketoberfest in Daytona back in November and everything was wonderful, then we came home and KA-BOOM!

- #1. I missed a Veterans event because I had the wrong place and time schedule.
- #2. That evening opening a letter at the Church that I was being sued over a computer image from 2012 that a Banner Business I had hired pulled an image from the internet that I have used for our ministry logo for 6 years not knowing the background image was under a Copy Right.
- #3. The very next day after dropping off the Law Suite papers with the business that caused this mess and dropping off the same papers with my Lawyer, I got home and my Father in Law Claude Gilbert called me, I took him to the hospital and he was having a heart attack!
- #4. Brother Claude had 2 surgeries, a second heart attack, numerous days in the hospital, then rehab facilities, a few late night/all night hospital emergency runs due to complications.
- #5. At the same time mu beloved mother Francis Marion Hicks had her 93 birthday, had a bad spell with blood pressure issues and wrong medications plus vision issues.

Meanwhile I had numerous preaching meetings in Churches, picking up loads of supplies for our street ministry as well as being on the streets up to 3 times per week.

Most all the above happened just November!

Fri December/1/17- I thought I was glad to be out of November when our 1<sup>st</sup> night on the street in December a young Arabic man was shot and killed ½ block from us, I ran to where he was, Brother Larry Ackerman ran one of Donna Yost's Life Chest groups blankets to me we covered the young man before he went into shock and died! Gino Vici from Channel 7 Action News interviewed me and over 5,000 people saw our live stream interview and gospel message that I preached, as well as the Channel 7 viewing audience saw our interview. I had knick named this past summer "Murder Summer" with 16-18 people we knew mostly from the South West side getting killed, and that's not counting the overdoses. But "Murder Year" would be a more appropriate term! That night I could barely focus as I battled to remember verses and fighting the mental images of the young man gasping for his last few breaths, so sad!

Focus- Speaking of "Focus" that is what I need to tell you about!

After November we knuckled down and did the work of the ministry! We preached and fed and gave out food, hygiene items, and medical supplies many nights on streets, and I mean tons of winter clothing entire trailer loads of clothing some nights, plus continuing traveling and preaching picking up supplies and separating clothing at Prayer Baptist Church in Westland, Michigan.

By far this was the hardest winter that I've ever had even worse than winter of the "Polar Vortex" the reason being we changed our ministries "Strategies" this is the 1<sup>st</sup> winter that we did not do the traveling from door way to door way doing distribution to a fewer and fewer number of people but set up tables in brutal cold and fed on the sidewalks letting larger crowds come to us! Like I said it was great but it was tough!

So I realized on Fri. March/2/18- That for the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever I had forgotten to do something that I have done every month since about 1987, in the absolute "Fog" of November then the doubling down I had forgotten to do something that could have been devastating to both me, Lisa and our ministry.

Pastor David Peacock told me that I really was not losing my mind as I feared he just said, "Nobody can process all the information running through your brain and execute it all on your own.

It was not until Miss Lisa reminded me how that when we had to do a quick shut down on the old Annex building that we had that she marched step by step with me and that due to mental exhaustion we forgot to make a house payment that month, I always stayed one month ahead on house payments but between both Miss Lisa and myself we did remember to do a major monthly thing similar to the mess I made on Fri. March/2/18

#### **VOLUNTEERS-**

Biz Manager- For now I have installed Miss Lisa into being my personal business manager because I promise you when I "Get in the Zone" this "Brain Fog" caused by non-stop work and brain drain exhaustion I can do the work but my Bird Brain has a hard almost impossible time thinking or remembering.

## **APRIL 2018**

#### **OVERVIEW**

- 1. 7 times Street Preaching & Feedings
- 2. 7 Special Events
- 3. 2 Times preached in Churches
- 4. 1 Funeral
- 5. 8 Pickups & Deliveries
- 6. 4 Office Days

FRIENDS OF OUTCRY GREETINGS! The month of April came in like a Lamb and went out like a Lion!

**Sun April/1/18-** Attended service at the Rochester Hills Baptist Church where Brother Hal Hightower is pastor, Lisa brought her Dad & Brother Joe brought his Mom for a family meal on Resurrection Sunday.

**Monday April/2/18-** Office Day attended the funeral service of Gayle Travino the wife of Dave Travino from the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9 Detroit.

**Tues April/3/18-** Picked up a load of supplies from Marci Rotenberg Audrey at the Zealand Spa Salon in Commerce Michigan.

Weds April/4/18- Office day worked on multiple newsletters.

**Thurs April/5/18**- Brother Joe picked up supplies from Barbara Barrels son and daughter in laws in Novi, Michigan then stopped by and met Lou Nestrovski proprietor of "Chubby Charlies Pizza" in Waterford, he contacted me a few months ago about my comical Anti- Pineapple Pizza movement, then picked up 90+ "Life Chest Gift Bags" from Donna Yost and the Life Chest Team in Troy, Mi. THANK YOU!

Fri April/6/18- Miss Lisa and Brother Joe fed and distributed Life Chest Bags to folks down Michigan Avenue, the Business District, Greek Town, out Jefferson Ave and Fort Street, cold heart breaking night.

**Sun April/8/18-** Brother Joe had the privilege to preach at the Bible Believers Church in South Lyon, Mi. for pastor Mike Reagan & folks, great meeting.

Mon April/9/18- Joe & Lisa attended "Aunt Cooks" 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party. Happy Birthday Virginia Schlicht!

Tues April/10/18- BAD ATTITUDE DAY! Yes Brother Joe was troubled in spirit, not that uncommon, so later in the day Brother Joe saw friends Aaron Speck, met Pastor Mike Reagan & his wife Grace made a special delivery for a teen ager who had been at the previous Sunday service. And a delivery from Brother Ron Harvey down to Larry & Regina Ackerman's house for Debbie Dee's Senior citizens group. Running these errands lifted my spirit but night's end I felt what I thought was allergies coming on.

Weds April/11/18- Office Day.

Thurs April/12/18- Brother Joe made a delivery to long time Bible College friend Dennis Coates, then prepared for the next morning's Scarlet's Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, with Stephen and Larenne Clark and the following evenings Street Preaching, feeding and clothing.

Fri April/13/18- SCARLET'S PLAYGROUND- Early that morning Brother Joe picked up 50 Mc Donald Sandwiches, 2 gallons of Coffee then went over to Dodge Park #5 in Commerce Township, Mi. for the Scarlet's Smile Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, arriving just before 8:00 a.m. gave plenty of time to set up the food tables.

The event was great! And filled with both area politicians that are on board with the cause of building "Scarlet's Play Ground" which is a wheelchair accessible, named in honor of Stephen and Larenne Clarks granddaughter Scarlet who has Spinal Muscular Atrophy "S.M.A." and is the 1<sup>st</sup> little girl to get the miracle drug called Spinraza.

Among the speeches a man named Davis Scott from Commerce Twp. Gave an inspirational speech to explain to the audience that not only children will have access to Scarlet's Playground and Dodge Park #5 but also Combat Wounded Veterans and other adults who are in wheel chairs, AMAZING!

Scarlet's Playground has raised over \$400,000.00 towards a goal of 1 MILLION DOLLARS! It's great to see how all of this has developed and truthfully for Brother Joe & Miss Lisa dealing with the day to day death and dismemberment of the streets so much it's wonderful for us to be at least part of doing something that's going to help so many people away from the mayhem of the streets.

Brother Joe turned the tables around on Stephen Clark the former WXYZ Channel 7 Action News Anchor and I interviewed him about Scarlet's Playground, as I started the interview Shepherd's Lawn and Tree Service gave unintentional back ground sound effects of wood chippers & trees falling!

Brother Joe was allowed to open this event in Prayer and provide food, soft drinks and treats for this absolutely wonder cause and event! THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY!

That evening we took the tons of left over supplies to the streets and Miss Lisa and Brother Joe fed on the streets and I preached, "What Is The Gospel?", great night!

Sat April/14/18- Office Day- What I thought was just allergies turned out to be the start of a head and chest cold, Ugh all winter in the freezing temps where there are no germs, warms up and Brother Joe's sweat soaked clothing & get around Humanoids and BOOM I get one... but in April?

Sun April/15/18- ICE STORM IN APRIL ... Lights went out at the house for 2 days!

Mon April/16/18- Brother Joe and Miss Lisa fed, clothed and I preached "Redeeming the Time" in a snow squall! Due to technology people can see the Live Stream snow storm and the Homeless people and hard core addicts living out in the elements.

Tues April/17/18- Office Day

Weds April/18/18- That evening Brother Joe & Miss Lisa fed at Michigan and Central and several of the younger female street addicts came down, heart breaking and as Brother Joe was preaching, "You Better Mind Your Manners" a young "Cracked Out" street girl walked up to me and stood next to me momentarily and looked right at the pages of my Bible, talk about Heart Breaking!

Thurs April/19/18- VICTORY BAPTIST HARTLAND MI. We attended a meeting at the Victory Baptist Church in Hartland, Mi. where Brother Ryan Guenther is pastor, Brother Ryan was one of "Our boys" from our 1990's teen Street Preaching group and he is doing a great job at his church! The guest speaker that night was Brother Davis Peacock from the Bible Believers Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Brother Joe sat there weeping as Brother Davis preached on how God Love us and will use us to do His work, weeping because I kept thinking about all the young people on the streets the night before being used up by dope and booze! Told you me spirit gets troubled!

**Fri April/20/18- SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW AT THE VIETNAM VETS CHAPTER 9-** Senator Debbie Stabenow held an open forum with many different Veterans Agencies at the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9 downtown at the Masonic Temple. Brother Joe prayed to open the event. She talked about what all she and her office has been able to do for Veterans Causes and it was a lot. Then Veterans told the Senator about their hardships primarily with the V.A. system.

Then she began talking about P.T.S.D., Homeless Veterans and the Opium Crisis and told how Noloxone a Narcan like anti Opioid that normally runs \$1.00 per dose rocketed up to \$4,500.00 per dose due to "Supply and Demand", sorry but Brother Joe blew a gasket! I was not going to say a peep, but I was pretty blunt about the whole issue. It took Senator Stabenow and other much effort to get the \$4,500.00 medication prices "DOWN" to \$150.00... truly the Love of money is the root of all evil!

I've been accused of running an advertisement for the Senator but I don't even "DO" politics but I rode down in the elevator with this Democrat Senator and advised Senator Stabenow when it comes to "Big Pharma" I told her to "Give'em Hell."

Sat April/21/18- JOHNNY & JESSICA- Everything was normal on this late Saturday afternoon when I received a phone call from Sister Wendy Jones from the "Next Step For Seniors" Radio Program. Later Miss Lisa & Brother Joe picked up a young couple who were literally walking down the road weeping after a family altercation and seemed to not have a hope in this world having burned bridges due to their Heroin addictions. We checked them into a Motel and made arrangements for them to go to the Silvery Lane Baptist Church where Brother Chris Staubb is pastor, via Dave Greenshields in an attempt to get them to Brother Jack Patterson's Reclamation Ranch in Alabama.

**Sun April/22/18-** Brother Joe preached and sang for Brother David Carr at the Shalom Baptist Church in Orion Michigan. Good to see so many old friends including my partner in ministry for so many years George Nash Sr. THANK YOU Brother David a thrill to preach for the Church that Midwestern Baptist Bible College is out of.

Mon April/23/18- I delivered a huge bag full of fleeces to Miss Bernadette who was a former employee at the Operation Get Down Shelter #2 in Detroit who has now moved south and was back up in Detroit

for a funeral. Later that night Larry& Regina Ackerman, Miss Lisa and Brother Joe preached, fed, sang on the streets at Cabot and West Vernor. Evangelist Jack Patterson pulled up, sang after Brother Joe sang, then Brother Jack preached after Brother Joe preached "Heal Your Backsliddings", the weather was cold!

Tues April/24/18- Brother Joe dropped off Miss Lisa at Metro Airport for a trip she had to go on, then prepped for the next day's event and did office work.

Weds April/25/18- AMANDA HAGAR CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL #9- Larry and Regina Ackerman and their daughter Michelle "Shelly" Abraham helped Brother Joe hold another Amanda Hagar Candle Light Vigil. We sang, Brother Joe preached "Go Thy Way And Sin No More." Then we sang "This Little Light Of Mine" after lighting the candles. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> Vigil we've held for Amanda which is how we ended up preaching so much 1 block away at West Vernor and Cabot. Good to see our girls Alicia, Breanna & Christiana or "Lu Lu" Garcia.

Thurs April/26/18- Office Day and took food to Johnny & Jessica at their Motel room.

**Fri April/27/18-** Brother Joe and Miss Lisa fed, clothed, sang and preached at Michigan Ave and Central where Brother Joe preached on "Dirty Words" where Jesus wrote at the feet of the crowd who brought the woman taken in the very act of adultery.

Sun April/30/18- Late that night Miss Lisa and Brother Joe fed, clothed, sang and preached at the corner of Michigan Ave and Central in front of a Salvation Army Thrift Store. It had been a long frustrating day that I was all fired up to get out to preach, "Come See A Man". Cold weather slow night, stumbling over verses and as soon as I quit preaching and shut off the live stream, we got slammed with a big crowd of street people. We had one poor older Hispanic gent named John come by we dropped him off at his "Abando"/ abandoned house poor guy could barely walk and told us "I've been in Rehab several times but I'm never going to give up hope."

Hard to believe just how mild April started and how wild April ended up, in early May we are still trying to get Johnny & Jessica into a rehab and it you would not believe the fall out we are seeing from Heroin on the Streets absolutely unreal.

Love Y'all, For the Streets Brother Joe.

