

## Brother Joe's Newsletter

February, 2021

Greetings! Visitor



### Outcry Ministry Friends - Newsletter

FRIENDS OF OUTCRY GREETINGS!

#### OVERVIEW

**Fed/Clothed 10 Times Street**  
**Preached 3 Times**  
**Pick Ups & Deliveries 14 Times**  
**Preached in Churches 2 Times**  
**Numerous Day & Night Time Clean Ups in "Operation Dumpster Fire".**  
**Office Days 2**  
**Veterans Events 1**  
**Left for Bike Week**

**Mon Feb/1/2021-** "YOU ARE GOING TO DIE TONIGHT" -Brother Curtis and I went to the latest Motel Hell that we started ministering to this past summer. We set up the feeding tables and the tons of clothing and boots. Then I went door to door inviting to eat next door. We had a good number of folks show up, one man Harold told us a terrifying story, Harold was sleeping in this frigid weather on a bus seat off of this main street. A man had walked past him a few times then finally reached over and pulled him up and told him, "IF YOU DON'T GET UP YOU ARE GOING TO DIE TONIGHT!" He had just come up to where we were, we fed him, gave him good warm boots, socks, gloves, and a great coat. I gave him a little bit of money to stay in a room at the Motel. This frigid night helping all these folks especially Harold is when I know our ministry is so vitally needed.

**Tues Feb/2/2021 -** Brother Curtis and I fed, clothed, sang and preached "Because Of Their Unbelief." in the Uptown Transylvania again it was frigid. We saw Samuel a man we knew from Hart Plaza years ago and he told us how dire the situation was down there.





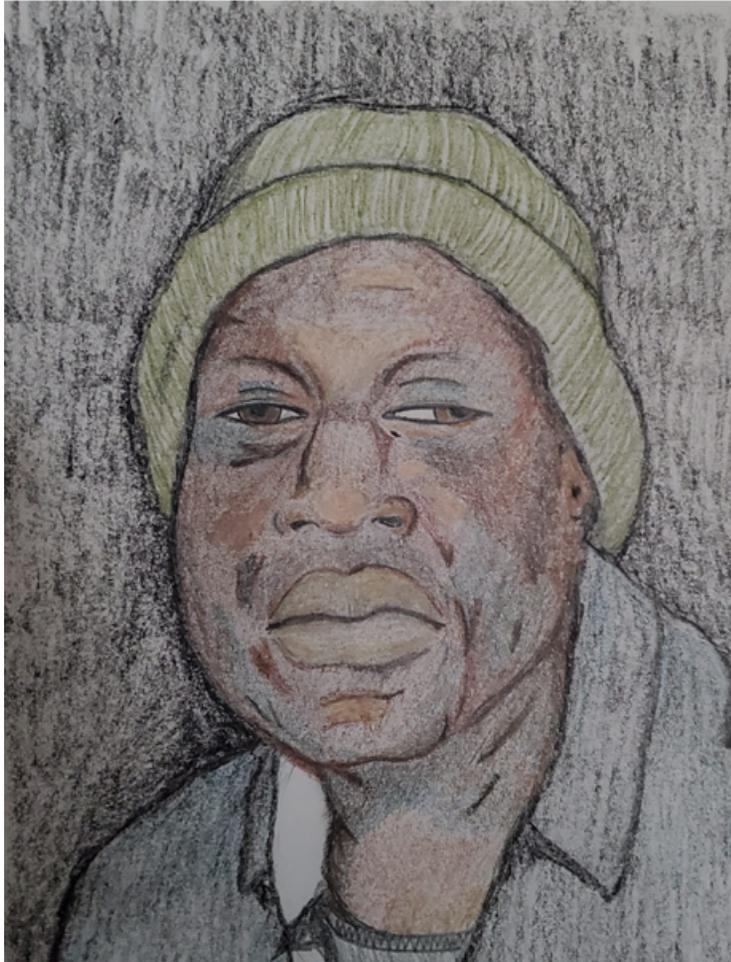
**Weds Feb/3/2021** - I had another of my exhaustion spells and fell out mid day then Miss Lisa and I went out and looked at properties that evening that I had looked up. My favorite property an old VFW Post is \$319,000.00 or \$4,000.00 a month rent WHOA not happening.

**Thurs Feb/4/2021** - MICHIGAN VETERANS FOUNDATION- Miss Lisa and I took a few hundred pairs of Boots that I purchased from Joe's Army Navy Surplus to the Michigan Veterans Foundation on Grand River in Detroit, it was a great time. We met a man named Roger living in a tent off of Michigan which was a big No-No in Detroit after my "Tensile Town" but we were about to get a big shock!

**Fri Feb/5/2021** - "WHAT HAPPENED?" Return to Hart Plaza Brother Curtis and I went back to Hart Plaza on Detroit's Hart Plaza. I have stayed away from Downtown intentionally since the war I started both at Hart Plaza and Lafayette Park with the tents we bought for the Homeless Vets and "Camp Wet Vet" and later "Tensile Town" was born.

Being the Chaplin of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9 I was at a Veterans Day Parade a few years ago and one bank claimed they were going to renovate Hart Plaza. Well the night Curtis and I went down to the Pit and the Cavern were FILTHY, I was SHOCKED. One drunken Homeless woman burnt other peoples tents down & knocked out the lights in the Cavern, and RATS everywhere.





There were tents everywhere and the whole place was just so sad compared to the well lit gem that place used to be, both sad and disgusting.

We found Samuel, passed out clothing Boots and took Boot orders including a size 17 for a gent named William.

**Sat Feb/6/2021** - Miss Lisa and I picked up a gift card from Sister Dawn Wyrbkowski for the tent for Roger.

**Sun Feb/7/2021** - Miss Lisa and I were on our way to drop off Boots and supplies on this frigid night, and we found one of our Michigan Ave guys "RAZ" outside a gas station. We gave him boots but had no food for him because this was a delivery night. So we gave him money to eat on.

OUR MISSION FAILED- We went to the Detroit City Rescue Mission's Women's Genesis House on the eastside sadly they were COVID-19 closed. Last year we dropped off over hundred pairs of Boots & Hygiene supplies there.

From there we went to the Detroit City Rescue Mission on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and due to the recent COVID-19 Re-Lock down they could not take supplies from us either.





**Tues Feb/8/2021** - Brother Curtis Hamilton and I returned to Hart Plaza with more Boots and we were trying to put Boots on everybody's feet but Lisa had to order Williams Boots which were \$130.00 Sorrel's online from England. I left lots of Rat pellets to try to kill off the rats that were crawling right across some of the men and their blankets while they were sleeping.

**Weds Feb/9/2021** - OPERATION DUMPSTER FIRE- The "AMAZING ACKERMAN'S" Larry, Regina, and Keith brought up their big panel van and we loaded up my Father in Laws refrigerator from that clean up at his old house. Then we went to the Church met up with Brother Curtis and loaded the Ackerman's panel truck full of women's winter gear for a Toledo Ohio Organization that was not warm enough for our Street Outreach.

Brother Curtis and I dropped off more clothing at the U-HAUL Storage Unit we've rented. Brother Curtis and I returned to Hart Plaza putting boots on the crowd there. (Miss Lisa would not go with us because of the Rats.) Honestly Hart Plaza made me depressed, I thought it was going to be all renovated and I have such great memories of all our nights feeding and clothing with our ministries Youth group and it's now a dirty, dark, rat infested mess.

Thankfully City Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield & her staff member Raymond Simpson and others saw my videos and immediately the clean up and Rat extermination started.

**Fri Feb/12/2021** - Lisa and Brother Joe went up to see Brother Joe's Mom. That evening Kelly Bailey from "Garden City Gives A Boot" accompanied Brother Curtis and Brother Joe on a "BOOT RUN & FEEDING". We took tons of new socks, huge piles of new and used boots. It felt really

good to be back in the open air & not underground with the Rats!

I just sang that night and we had a feeding frenzy of people getting clothing, Boots and eating there at the tables right before dark.

**Sat Feb/13/2021** - I pulled the valuable size 17 Boots out of the van so they would not get stolen, then William reappeared and this time I asked him if I was right on his size and he humbly said, "I don't want to cause no problem" I cannot even begin to tell you how bad this stuff hurts my heart. Brother Curtis was with me again and we had put a lot of the right stuff.

**Sun Feb/14/2021** - I preached a 9:30 early "Masked Service" then a bit more relaxed service where I did not have wear a mask as speaker at the Fairhaven Baptist Church with Pastor Andy Briggs. We had fantastic services and really enjoyed fellowshiping with these folks.

Mon Feb/15/2021- Miss Lisa and I fed, clothed and sang in a snow storm on Michigan Avenue where I preached on "The Dancing Girl And The Baptist Preacher." Great night.

**Tues Feb/16/2021** - Office day, and clean out at the Church building.

**Weds Feb/17/2021** - Brother Curtis Hamilton, Miss Lisa and Brother Joe fed, clothed, sang and preached near the Spanish Alley in Detroit. We had to put the feeding tables up to straddle the snow that the Snow Plows had pushed up on the Sidewalks. I preached "Jesus Brokenness Brought Jesus Compassion." Great cold night tons of Boots, socks and the "Good Stuff" out! Thank you to all of our donors!

**Thurs Feb/18/2021** - Office day & Clothing out of the building.

**Fri Feb/19/2021** - Brother Curtis Hamilton, Miss Lisa and Brother Joe fed, clothed and sang as a "TRIO" in the Uptown Transylvania District. I named our Trio the "Please Go Away" Trio... fitting. And named Miss Lisa & my "DUET" the "Hot Mess Duet!" J I preached a message, "Of A Truth Thou Art The Son Of God."







**Sun Feb/21/2021** - Miss Lisa and Brother Joe fed, clothed, sang and I preached on "Gentile Dogs", Miss Lisa and my "Hot Mess Duet" sang in public for the first time & Thank God nobody got sick! Great night and my heart was moved!

**Mon Feb/22/2021** - LIKE A STAKE THROUGH OUR HEARTS... Brother Curtis and I took William's size 17 Boots down to Hart Plaza only to find out... William was dead! We were told by a guy named Frank the Police and EMT's came and removed William's dead body, we were told he froze to death. Man we were just heart sick!

**Tues Feb/23/2021** - I cleaned out the Separation Room at the Church.  
**Weds Feb/24/2021**- That Morning I called the Wayne County Medical Examiner and they said, "There are 3 calls ahead of you can you hold?" That evening I moved trailers over to our old parking lot.

#### **BIKEWEEK 2021**

**Thurs Feb/25/2021** - Miss Lisa and I left for Bike Week 2021.

**Fri Feb/26/2021** - Miss Lisa and I stopped to see what Mikey Dotson was doing with his new "Fresh Start Ministry". We also saw Dale & Lisa Dotson and Dale & Mike's mother Wanda Dotson.

**Sat Feb/27/2021** - Miss Lisa and I arrived in Jacksonville FL to spend the night and hopefully revive our ministry.

Love Y'all!  
For The Streets  
Brother Joe and Miss Lisa Hicks.  
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Hygiene items  
Wrapped snacks  
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Box fans / window fans  
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#### **Calendar Of Events**

Each month we hold several events around the city. You can find photos and more calendar events like the National Day of Prayer held in downtown Detroit at the McNamara Building. For more details, you can click here for *photo galleries* and the *calendar*.

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