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## Brother Joe's Newsletter

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**July, 2021**

Greetings! Visitor



### **Outcry Ministry Friends - Newsletter**

FRIENDS OF OUTCRY GREETINGS!

#### **OVERVIEW**

**10 - Street Feeding & Preaching**

**2 - Clothing pick ups**

**Flood clean ups every day**

**3 - Events**

**1- Time preaching in churches**

**Greetings Friends of Outcry!**

**Thurs July/1/2021-** Flood 2021 clean up.

**Fri July/2/2021-** Brother Daniel Ewald and I fed, clothed, sang and I preached "Holding the Truth In Unrighteousness" on Michigan Avenue. We saw Phil Painter or "Tattoo" a former member at Prater Baptist who rides with the Highwaymen, really good to see my old friend. A strange funny thing happened later when the Police pulled up on us and asked us. "Have you seen a crazy white guy." Later we saw them and several more Officers who caught the man who was bashing his own head against a wall.



**Sat July/3/2021-** I had to really get stubborn and push myself to load up all the rest of our Hurricane Katrina Bunk beds up as well as several boxes and bags of shoes and wet clothing out from behind the Prayer Baptist Churches building. The Skeeters were chewing on me & it was several heavy loads but I leveraged them into one of our trailers and loaded them into our newest lock up area. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

**Sun July/4/2021-** HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MISS LISA! We attended services at the Fairhaven Baptist Church with Lisa's Dad and had lunch under the tents on the ground. It was great!



**Tues July/6/2021-** We were contacted by Brad Laws and Cassey Dean Harris (Who are now married) when Brad came up to visit George and Denise. They went up to the Uptown Transylvania District with Curt Hamilton, Daniel Ewald, Miss Lisa and I.

Brad grew up at Prayer Baptist and a Veteran. Cassey is an adorable Tennessee girl. It was great to have them out with us.

We fed, clothed, sang and I preached a message called "When Shall the End Be?" We had a great night and really enjoyed having Brad and Cassey with us.

**Fri July/9/2021- OPERATION DUMPSTER FIRE COMES TO THE HOUSE**

We had a dumpster dropped off in our House's driveway as part of our flood clean up I crawled around in the attic of our garage at the house and pulled 16 old sleeping bags out that used to be for the kids in our Youth Ministry and dropped them down to Lisa. I've had a lot of mixed emotions with some of this stuff because most of our youth ministry days were so good!



Curtis Hamilton, Daniel Ewald, Miss Lisa and I fed clothed, sang and I preached The Wise and Foolish Virgins at Motel Hell. I wrote a stinger of a story the next morning called. "Brought To Tears" about Missy one of the addicted Street Girls who showed up just as we were almost finished packing. She leaned over the table in severe pain and moaned weeping because her neck and spine between her shoulder blades was so infected it was bending her forward. Tragic.

**Sun July/11/2021-** I preached at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Canton Michigan where Brother Jeffery Glass is Pastor.

**Tues July/13/2021-** I met up with Mike Sand and several members of the Vietnam Veterans of America and A.V.V.A. for lunch then picked up clothing for Mike and Bobbi Sand. Then I went and saw my Mom.





I only had one old wooden box from China that came out of our old building we had from 1990 – 1997 and a Chocolate mold of a ancient soldier. I threw the busted up 75 – 100 year old box away. Funny how a 3 story Apartment building that we used as our old Church only has 1 remaining trinket left, that makes me feel weird.

**Weds July/14/2021**

**Thurs July/15/2021-** Flood Clean up.

**Fri July/16/2021-** Daniel Ewald and 15 year Josiah Samons loaded up 5 loads of bricks from my old burn pit on the Churches lot and brought them over to our Lot.

**45<sup>th</sup> MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY STREET CONCERT**

**Sat July/17/2021-** Well all I can say is, I did it! We unloaded the trailer and van, set up the food tables & sat out the bags of clothing and indeed folks came by.

Back on Friday night July/17/1976 I went to a Tigers game to see ace pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fydrich pitch and loose against the Oakland A's with Bill Eckert and Danny Cowen. After the game Bill took us for a tour of his old bus route in Detroit's infamous Cass Corridor. I started working on Bills Sunday School Bus Route a week or two later. I just kind of never left. That area has died, very little is left and that also makes me feel sad and like a bit of a Dinosaur.

We held the Street Concert in the vacant parking lot of the former Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9 Building and with all the work we put into that building and time spent that also has an unusual feeling to it.

Paul Palazolo gave me the green light to use that parking lot and I told Daniel and Curtis we will have exactly 5 at the concert. And that night it was Daniel, Josiah, Curtis, Miss Lisa and Brother Joe here just as I predicted. FACE IT I'm not that Popular!

I was nervous as a Cat I'm sure it was just the Gratitude I felt for God keeping me alive during the thousands of days and night I spent in ministry in what was the worst neighborhood in Detroit. As soon as I finished my last song the pressure gave way to joy!

We loaded up the trailer went over to the "Spanish Alley" sat up and we fed, fed, sang and clothed again THANK YOU LORD FOR 45 YEARS OF SAFTY IN THIS DANGEROUS MINISTRY!

**Sun July/18/2021-** Daniel Ewald and I fed, Clothed, I sang and preached "The Thief Came To Supper and Murderers Followed." While we were preaching the Police showed up again there and patted Daniel down, NO JOKE!

**Thurs July/22/2021-** Miss Lisa and I picked up clothing items from Chris Gillette.



**Fri July /23/2021-** Daniel Ewald, Miss Lisa and Brother Joe here had the wildest night perhaps we have ever had. We fed, clothed, sang and I preached "Lord Is It I?" Next to Motel Hell, many nights we have a person that really breaks your heart. But we had several individuals and stories that night that made us want to sit on the ground put our faces in our hands a cry!



One of those men was Mark who asked me if he could sing a song after I preached, he sang a gravely voiced version of "Do Lord" it was great I thought to myself "LITTLE RICHARD, BOB SEGER AND MY FRIEND MITCH RYDER EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT!"

**Sat July/24/2021-** Miss Lisa gave Brother Daniel Elwald Friday night & Daniel got Mark Tennis Shoes and other supplies. Mark told us that he is sleeping in an "Abando" now. That he got car jacked for the car he was living and sleeping in losing his phone, identification and all he had was the clothes he was wearing, and that he had not had a change of clothes since the last time we were there.

**Mon July/26/2021-** I knuckled down in a heat wave and finished cleaning my old "Burn Pit" from off of Prayer Baptist Churches parking lot that is officially the end of our clean up inside and outside. I knick named it "OPERATION DUMPSTER FIRE" it was like setting my own ministry on fire just as the cold hit. Size-Wise it was like moving a Wal Mart into several trailers & a few rental units. We did all this while doing 3 huge clean ups before the huge Mary Sheffield Occupy the Corner, all our nights out feeding and preaching then the flood at our house, but once again MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

**Weds July/28/2021-** DANIEL MEETS COUNT CHOCULA- I drove down to a funeral viewing for Sarah Taylor who was in her 30's and I've known her since she was tiny. I managed to toss the trailer on a set of Rail Road tracts in Wyandotte. After re-attaching the trailer and going to the funeral home I called Brother Daniel to try to meet me in "Death Valley" rather than up in "Transylvania" because it was late and the entire "Del-Rey" district of Detroit is gone and is going to be a Truck Drivers paradise as the new bridge from Detroit to Windsor Canada is being built.

Finally arrived and sat up tables and put the clothing bags out. Daniel began to feed and I preached "Take Eat-Drink Ye All Of It." Well... there are twin Brothers who both look like "Gus" from the T.V. series "PSYCH" and I was preaching on the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ when the meaner of the two drunk twins came up to Daniel at the tables and said "I'M A VAMPIRE AND I'M GONNA DRINK YOUR BLOOD!" Daniel in his constantly calm way answered, "Yeah I bet you are!" Later when Daniel told me what happened I laughed and remembered a scene on the show PSYCH where Cory Feldman called Gus "COUNT CHOCULA"... That was funny but it was one weird night!

**Fri July/30/2021-** BY GOD THAT'S ENOUGH- I reached my boiling point when friends contacted me about a possible Child Trafficking situation of a Autistic 6 year old boy. I'm not a Cop but I reached out to friends who are connected and also Political folks who are in contact with both Homeland Security and the D.P.D. Vice Squad.

I was exhausted anyway and wanted to just go over to the Motel and kick the doors in but I had to remind myself I'm a preacher. I was going to be alone that night and planned on feeding by this Motel on the North Eastside of the City. But Miss Lisa felt "sorry" for me being alone that night and insisted she help me. We went by saw the Motel and then went over to the Uptown Transylvania District.

Honestly I was mad and was fit to fight, I had a big idea about loading up a van full of these adults from the sidewalks who were sexually abused as kids both Trans-Females and tough Street girls and going back and rebuilding that joint but once again... I'm a Preacher.

We soldiered on sat out the clothing, set up the feeding tables and I preached "Six Things that Pilate The Governor Knew."- My mind was still thinking "By God that's enough" as I preached and my mind was on a little boy who might be being violated and controlled by criminals.

Miss Lisa also reached her boiling point with a bossy demanding man on a Scooter who was treating the serving side of the tables as a "Drive Thru" I looked up in time to see her "Shush" with her blue rubber gloves on. FINALLY I was laughing again.



It had really been a terrible night until I started laughing our folks on the streets knew something was wrong with "Brother Joe" and I told them what was on my mind and I was right I could have gotten a van full of Trans-Men Hookers and Female Hookers who would have loved to beat the bricks off of that building... but then again, I'm a Preacher and once again Pastor David Peacock encouraged me to use the proper channels.

Yet to see a few Tranny Hookers and a few Female Hookers whoop the fire out of a Pimp that is hurting a child would be EPIC!

Keep us in your prayers!

Love Y'all!

For The Streets

Brother Joe and Miss Lisa Hicks.

Acts 16:31 ...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved...

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Gordon Food Service gift cards

Canned food

Dollar Store handled bags

Back packs

Socks

Men's / women's tennis shoes

Baby wipes / sterile wipes

Hygiene items

Wrapped snacks

Women's Leggings

Box fans / window fans

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#### Calendar Of Events

Each month we hold several events around the city. You can 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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