

Kyle "Joe" & Lisa Hicks - Missionaries to the streets of Detroit & Jacksonville



WE HAD ANOTHER FLOOD - STREET PICTORIAL

OVERVIEW The winter of 2020 -2021 and the year 2021

- 1. 90 STREET FEEDINGS
- 2. 88 TIMES STREET PREACHING
- 3. 156 CLOTHING PICK UPS AND DELIVERIES
- 4. 5 CHURCHES PREACHED IN
- 5. 15 CLOTHING SEPARATIONS
- 6. 11 SPECIAL MEETINGS
- 7. NUMEROUS OFFICE DAYS
- 8. MANY FOLKS SAVED
- 9. 300+ CLEAN UP DAYS ... NO JOKE!

Kyle Joe Hicks and Lisa Renee Hicks Missionaries to the Streets of Detroit, Jacksonville and Daytona Beach.

I am attempting to catch up on the correspondence that I could not get out during the COVID-19 Pandemic Shut Downs and the huge life changing issues and a FLOOD that hit Miss Lisa and I and our Street Ministry which has changed our lives and Ministry forever.

"A GLORIOUS DISASTER" Is how I have often described our ministry as in, there is something so GREAT about our Ministry but the Streets are so terrible that it defies description! And that is also how I would describe the Winter of 2020 through the entire year of 2021 and into January of 2022 when my Father in Law Brother Claude Gilbert passed away.

We were tasked by the City Elders of Garden City Michigan with cleaning up my Father in Laws old house where Lisa grew up. Brother Claude had moved out of that house into an assisted living facility, and I was cleaning the yard of my Chiropractor and building a huge sign for her as well.

We were deep into our Street Ministry with feeding, Street Preaching, and delivering tons of goods during the Winter of 2020 – 2021 and we were having great success. Brother Curt Hamilton was an unbelievably good helper to us and we were delivering huge loads of goods to the Streets and the "Squat Houses" which are semi functional places where Homeless people and addicts "Squat."

SALT IN THE EYES & THE SALT OF THE EARTH- JANUARY 2021- Anyone who know our ministry knows it's a BIG MESS! We literally have tons of clothing and food that comes in and the mixture of Summer and Winter clothing has always slowed us down. But it's all about OPTICS.

In Mid-January 2021 we over flowed our 3 rooms in the Churches basement and were into 5 rooms plus I had a pew in the Churches basement haul lined with more clothing items. Well using the phrase that our Ministry was "Salt in the Eyes" to some folks who really are "The Salt of the Earth" is real.

Years before I warned folks that one day our Winter clothing "TSUNAMI" would become an offence to their "VISION" for me and just as the frigid weather of January 2021 hit I was told to not bring more into the basement.

INDEED Clearly "Brother Joe" here was at fault and the success of my constant promoting ran me right out of the building! But after 30 years of being the that parking lot, and numerous times in and out of the Annex building across the street, which our ministry actually saved from tax foreclosure years before, I had to make a decision for our mutual sanity that it was time to go! I TAKE THE BLAME and all the stuff I had fought and promoted so hard to get had literally become "SALT IN THE EYES", it was a very painful departure for me but it was time.

1 OPERATION DUMPSTER FIRE- The name was fitting as I rented yet another Dumpster dumped tons of trash and burned so much card board and pallet boards. Plus, for almost 3 decades I have had the corner of an old diesel truck garage lot rented that had since become a DUMPSTER BUSINESS No Joke! So in a move of absolute reckless abandon, I took a leap of faith and moved most of our trailers and vehicles a ½ block away behind a fence and things got as graveyard quite as that frozen parking lot was because the OPTICS were finally hidden and the "SALT IN THE EYES" was gone!

It took us months of cleaning to get everything out of the basement, I tell people we had a Walmart Store worth of stuff which most had come in that Fall and Winter to move.

- 2. OPERATION MOVING FORWARD- I rented multiple storage units to get our clothing items out of everyone's eye site and between our trailers on the Lot and the storage units we at least could keep the ministry going as we cleaned Lisa's Dad's old house, Chiropractors property and the Churches basement.
- 3. STREET MINISTRY- We kept going full bore unloading the Church basement and taking the new clothing out on the Streets delivering larger and larger loads. Thinking back, I'm STUNNED what all we got out on the Streets during the same time we were in the midst of 3 huge clean ups!
- 4. BIKEWEEK 2021- Miss Lisa and I went on another of our "WORK-CATIONS" where we both preach to the Bikers and Vacation too. Bike Week 2021 was still an "Un-Official" event due to COVID-19 restrictions but the crowds were still there and the Street Preaching was a blast.

We stopped to see our Pastor friend Brother David Peacock and Miss Drina and in his office after service he made the comment after looking at Miss Lisa and I, "What I see is a couple of tired old Horses" he was not being insulting he could see that we were absolutely exhausted. Only God knows how long and hard we have worked in this ministry but we were at a whole new work limit and it was only going to get WORSE FAR WORSE!

5. SPRING CLEAN- I finished the clean up at the Chiropractor Ladies property and I was worried because I had not even seen her since late the Summer before but it turns out she was O.K.

We had a young man named Daniel Ewald just show up and told us he wanted to be our new helper! He was waiting for a heart for his Heart Replacement Surgery -No Joke- He scared me to death every time he picked up anything but strangely enough he kept getting stronger, Daniel is the son of Mike and Vickie Ewald long time friends from the old days at Prayer Baptist Church.

Brother Richard Rich the Associate Pastor of the Fairhaven Baptist Church introduced us to Rick and Jan O Brien who own the ANCHOR REAL ESTATE and they came in and took over the clean up and held a Estate Sale for my Father in Law. Sister Jan took Miss Lisa by the hands looked her deep in her eyes and said to Lisa, "YOUR DONE!" which took months of hard work and responsibility off of Miss Lisa, They were absolute miracles for us!

- 6. MARY SHEFFIELD'S OCCUPY THE CORNER- BICYCLE GIVE AWAY EVENT- May/29/2021- Right after Rick and Jan O Brien finished with the Estate sale they came on board to help us in helping Detroit City Council President Mary Sheffield at another of her events. Then Mike Ewald bought Gordon Food cards for the chips and snacks for us and he also came to the event to help, Daniel had brought Josiah Sammons down to help with both the basement clean out and at Mary Sheffield's event the next day. Curt Hamilton started grilling Hot Dogs early and I just can't explain all the work that was done by our 8 workers, IT WAS GREAT and we were all tired by the end of the day!
- 7. WORD FOR THE WORLD CANIDATE SCHOOL- Miss Lisa and I went down to Chattanooga Tennessee on the very first trip we had traveled unrestricted from the whole COVID 19 thing. It was weird it was a thing called "FREEDOM" which we have all taken for granted. We went to the evening meetings, helped to clean I was allowed to sing and heard Brother Charlie Andrews preach it was a good meeting!
- 8. DISASTEROUS FLOOD- On our way home our next-door neighbor Linda Thithian called to warn us of a flood that was happening. We had a Back Water Valve put in back in 2010 during our last flood so we knew we were safe. But alas we had another basement food. We were so close to having the Church Basement cleaned out then our house basement was flooded.

We had an older crew adults come and yanked out our carpet, drywall. I rented yet another dumpster and it was Operation Dumpster Fire being continued. It took weeks but we were finally able to get a young crew to come in and work on the basement which turned into a real melodrama because there was a shortage in building supplies because of the COVID shutdowns.

My basement office, computer everything, gone!

- 9. BROTHER JOE'S 45th ANNIVERASY STREET CONCERT/DINNER- Paul Palazolo President of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9 allowed us to use their old lot at Woodward Ave and Temple to hold my 45th Open Air Anniversary Concert, where we fed Homeless folks too. As I predicted there was Curt, Daniel, Josiah, Miss Lisa and myself that attended and then the folks who came by to get food, clothing. But I was in my beloved Cass Corridor and on July/17/2021 that made for 45 years of ministry in Detroit.
- 10. MARY SHEFFIELD'S BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT- We received donations from Pastor Stephen Clark at the 1st Baptist Church in Hazel Park and a \$500.00 gift card from the Christ Lutheran Church in Milford Michigan plus the left-over snacks from Brother Mike Ewald. I had to be "unofficially" involved because I was being attacked by a Woke Virtue broadcasting man on the internet as was Mary Sheffield because the event was held at a Boys and Girls club... unreal! It was a great event thank you Daniel Ewald for your help!
- 11. BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND MORNING- I bought a trailer at 4:30 p.m. up in Metamora Michigan, drove it home back to Garden City, heated Hot Dogs, Miss Lisa and I met Curt Hamilton to feed. Exactly at Midnight we saw the trailer, by the next morning it had been stolen! Thank you to Sister Karen Bashista and family for helping with the purchase of that trailer and others.
- 12. THE SHED- Brother Daniel Ewald showed his expertise in building a large shed for our ministry, Josiah Sammons was his helper, and Sherrill Adkins and Miss Lisa provided money and gift cards to pay for the beautiful shed. Oddest thing ever, as unceremoniously as Daniel Ewald came to help he ended up leaving and going back to work because God healed his heart! He is back to driving trucks and is 100% back in the clear, THANK YOU DANIEL for all your help!

13. BIKETOBERFEST 2021- Lisa and I wrote a song called "Between Midnight And Morning." about the trailer theft that happened on Sept/11/2021. The next day we joined the Bible Believers Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida where Brother David Peacock is Pastor. He is a former Police Capitan his experience on the Streets is second to none. Our ministry is still in Detroit but Brother Peacock is the preacher that years ago gave Miss Lisa and I the direction that we needed to be on and for lack of better words Brother David "Get's me" because of his working with the hardcore crime element like we do all the time.

We returned to Daytona for Biketoberfest, while in Daytona we ended up on T.V. back in Detroit again about the trailer being stolen, THANK YOU Shawn Ley and Channel 4 News Detroit. I had a whole bunch of people GET VERY at the thieves who stole our trailer. THANK You to Greyson Story for the money to buy more trailers, in all I bought 3 huge trailers and had huge trailer huge trailer repaired for me by Pastor Jeremy Evans and the Bible Believers Baptist Church in Tawas Mi. Pastor Tim Lambert and the Secord Baptist Church, Pastor Paul Heaton and the Bible Baptist Church in Lupton Michigan and Pastor Mike Ragan at the Bible Believers Church in in South Lyon. And later Brother Curt Hamilton and family bought us another trailer. Now unfortunately the Diesel Garage gone Dumpster Business decided to rent my spot out from underneath me and we have some of our trailers at the "Lucky Dog" dog day care in Garden City, Mi. and too many trailers and vehicles still at the Lot.

14. OPERATION TRANSYLVANIA & OPERATION SIDEWALK CELEBRATIONS- We tried to put BOOTS on all of our folks in the "Uptown Transylvania Area 51 District" a modern-day Sodom and Gomorah. Special thanks to the S.S.E.O. Corp Troy Michigan via Mike and Laura Hicks and Keith and Susan Ingerman. Thank you to Brother Sam Combs and the Calvary Baptist Carsonville, Pastor Steven Schag, Calvary Baptist Church Shelby Ohio. The Charity Baptist Church in Brownstown Mi, Pastor Wayne Halleck, Sister Dawn Wyrbkowski, Dan Popchock and Christie Porter and the Dollar General Lake Orion, Pastor Rich Zawadzki and the Loomis Park Baptist Church, Pastor Adam Summers and the Faith Baptist Church in Chelsea and Sister Barb Barker, and so may more. We held 6 of the "SIDEWALK CELEBRATION PARTIES TOTAL" It was so good! Thank you also to Sister Marla Stevens her Plexus group and folks from the Rochester Hills Baptist Church for collecting hundreds of pairs of BOOTS also!

"SALT IN THE EYES" has been a very Bitter Pill for me to swallow, if I could redo the past few decades of "Junking up" a Churches Parking Lot, Annex and Basement I would. The feelings of "Being in the way" and now being essentially a Pastoring a "HOMELESS, Homeless Ministry both hurts my tender heart and makes me MAD because all it slows our ability to help folks on the Streets!

I have now had numerous Detroit area Churches offer me their buildings and parking lots but I have told everybody "No" so far because that's a recipe for disaster recreating problem, ME! It just is not "fair" for me to "JUNK" a Church up. One FENCE to hide things could have worked for some but not for everybody. So our lives and ministry has been forever changed, I will take ALL the blame myself!

We are still Missionaries on the Streets of Detroit Michigan and Lord willing I'll be 62 on March/16/2023 and this July/17/2023 will start my 47th year of Youth and Street Ministry in Detroit, Michigan. Brother David Peacock at the Bible Believers Baptist Church in Jacksonville Florida is our Pastor now. Our Mission Board is still Word for the World Baptist Missions.

Our Missionary support Address is: Joe Hicks P.O. Box 849 Rossville, GA 30741-0849

















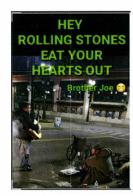






















"I feel sorry for people who don't feel sorry for people!" Brother Joe









Above Pastor Jeffery Glass and the men of Cornerstance Baptist Canton Michigan

Left Sisters Lee and Pastor Darin Lee of the Cornerstone Baptist Livonia Michigan



Clothing separators from the North line Baptist Taylor Michigan

THANK YOU

Kelly Gazalka and

crew!



Big group Mixture

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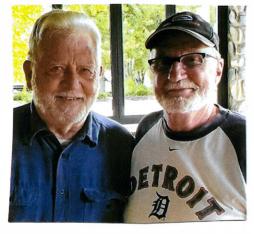
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And the Northline

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Miss Lisz / Sherill Adkin

not pictured





Mike Sand and Ron Bonin

Bobbie and Mike Sand

Clothing donations and

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laiding for A.V.V.A.

or Associates of the

Vietnam Vaterans of America.



Chris Gillette Clothing donations



Left Karen Gulli Clothing donetions





Top Mike Sand and members of Post

Middle Brother Joe and "Miss Lisz" Hicks in front of Mikes Jeep.

The big group of the Christmas Dinner give away for Vetrans in Plymouth Michigan



Matarina Bocci one of her mod left and her daughter on the right, Clothing at Katarina's Bridal Salon.

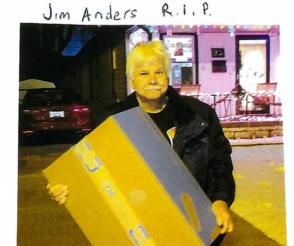
Middle on my way home from Katarina's clothing drive Make Sand Contacted me and Bratha Cortis Itamilton met me on a food donation.

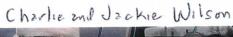


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Brother Joe

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Mary Sheffield's back to School Event. 105/3/2.

Our Heroes from Myz's Love and Hope





Above Brother Curtis and one of the Ladies while we were feeding.





Miss Lisa + Cathy from E.T.R.S Pontiac







AT MOTEL HELL 2020



Peter

MISSO, Thanks for the clothes Brenda Raffin/Larenne Clark



Brother Joe Singing at Biketoberfest 2020 Daytona Beach

BIKETOBERFEST 2020



Brother Joe Street Prezching on Main Street during "Bike to berfest" 2020 DAYTONA BEACH FLORIDA.

Homeless folks Smiley and Spider





Going GHOST" Costel Description & Jacksonville FLOKIDA



Miss Lisa + Brother catting on the hood at Crocker Barrel Ringold Georgia, Covid 2020

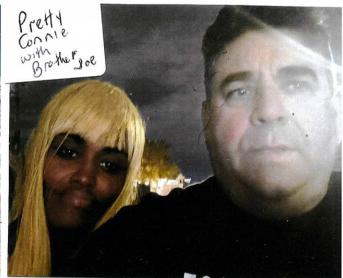


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in the UpTown TRANSYLVANIA



Ronne with Pretty Connie up in "Transy Ivania". Thanks for the Supplies

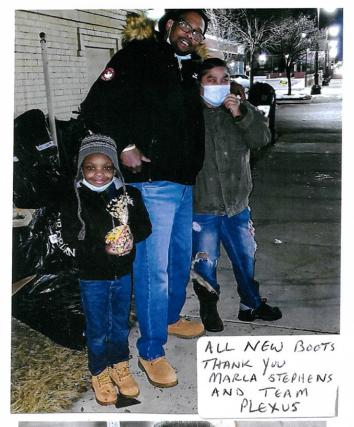




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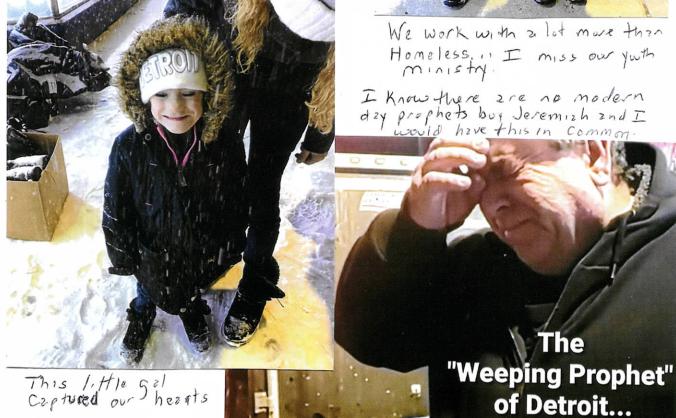
Suffer the Little Children to Come unto me ... Matthew 19:14





New Boots for all, Thank You again Marla Stephens and team Plexus!



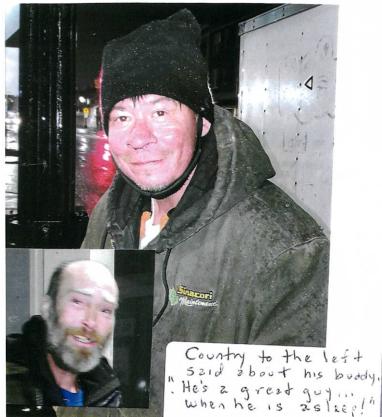




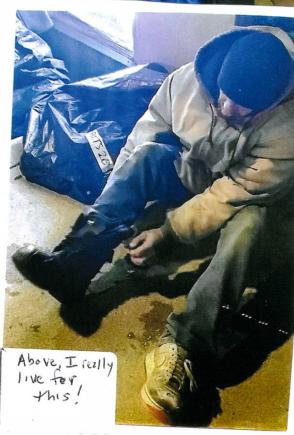


Above we fed in the rain what a blast! Right Grandmatia





R. I. P. Country





Above - Others See "Homeless I see potential."



Pretty girls, handsome guys.



Such a sweet girl and "Some bodys little girl."



Phis Musilm man 25Ked us for a Bible", I want to Know your God." He said



He's Smiling!



Our little "MISS PAT" With Brother Joe



Lovely Lyla above

Right "Raz" on

the coldest night

of the winter we saw

him at a gas station

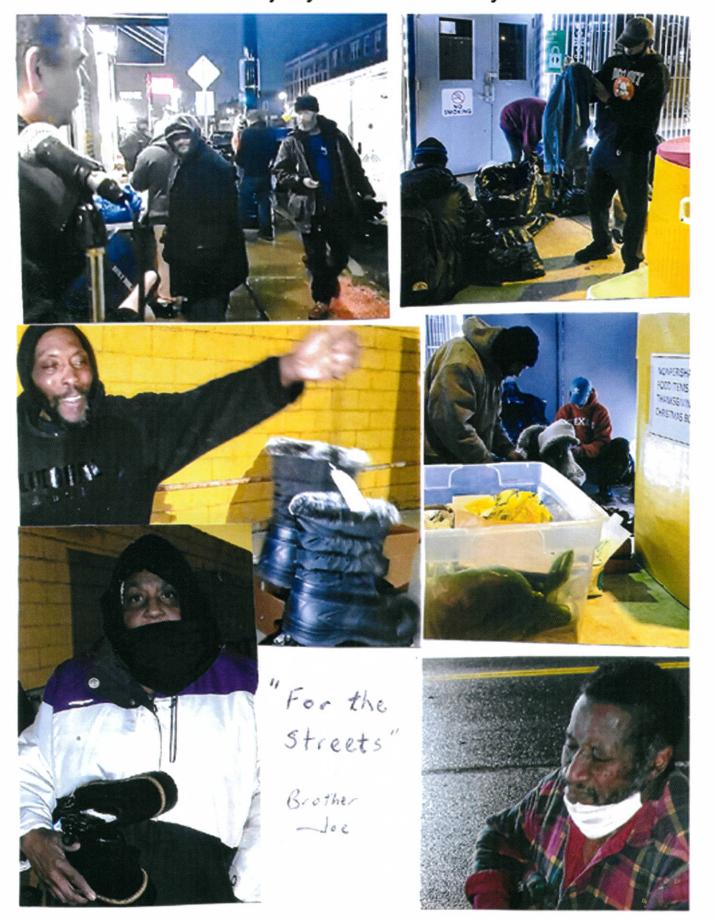
deing clean up, New Boots





Above - This picture is actually shocking! His hands are covered in soot, He and his sister are staying in their parents old house which burnt and was soaked from the fire department.

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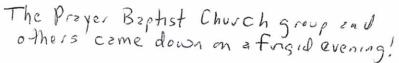




Above: Sweet Dreams!



Eli McFzdden prezching





Bolow Brother Curt Hamiton Smiling and Stylin'





Good Sized group from Prayer Baptist



It was a good night but it was cold!



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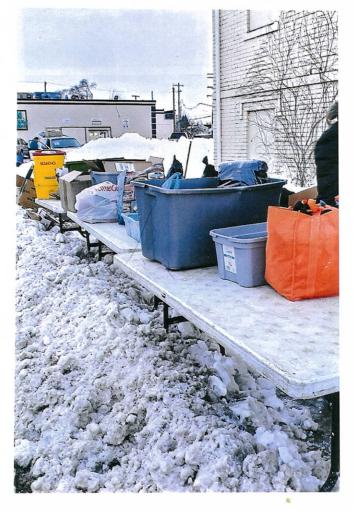


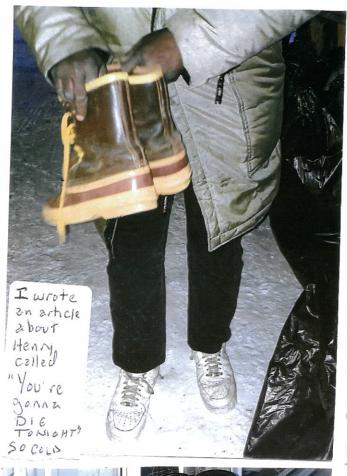
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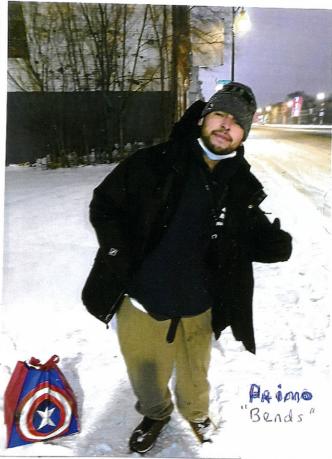




Left - Notice his FEET! (3)
Above Miss Lisa being beautiful
Lower left and below look what
the snow plows left us! (3)





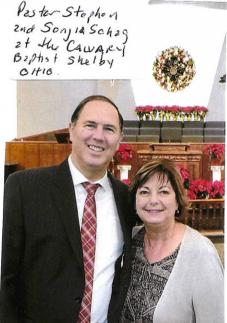




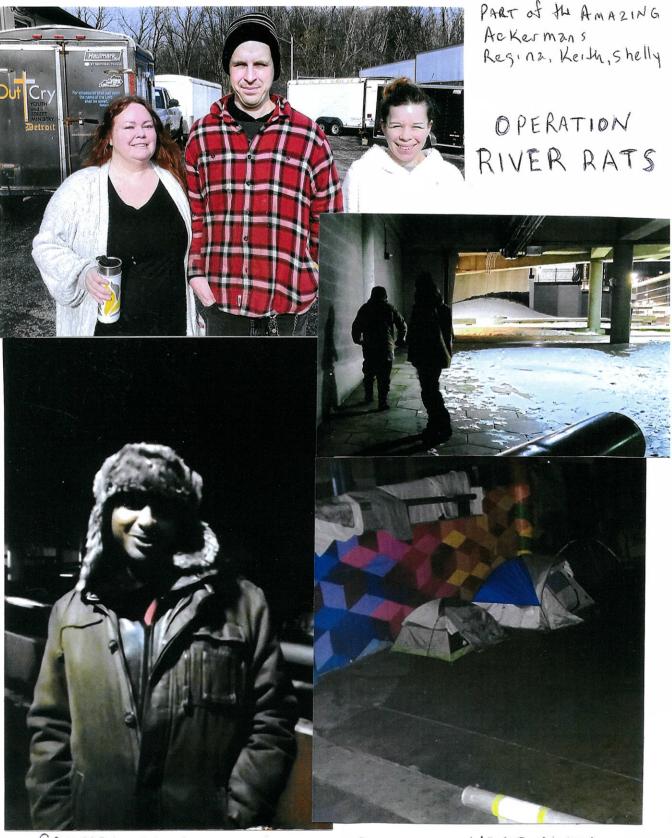












SAMUEL ABOVE GOT US BACK DOWN TO HART PLAZA ON THE DETROIT RIVER IT WAS PILTHY, PACKED WITH TENTS AND RATS!

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MISS LISA ORDERED SIZE 17 BOOTS FOR WILLIAM ... BUT HEDIED. 3





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BIKE WEEK 2020

March 2021



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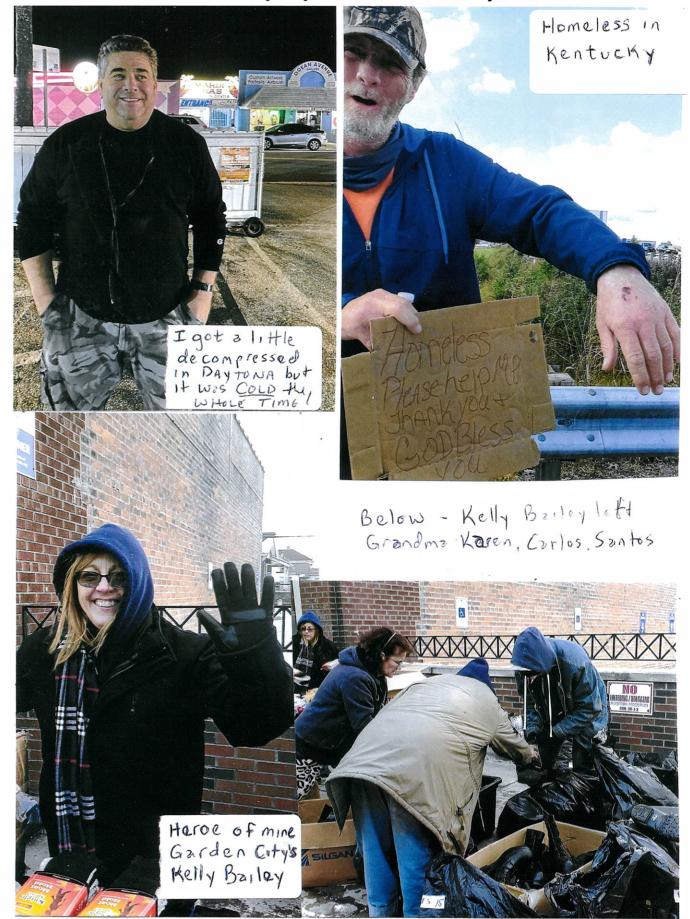




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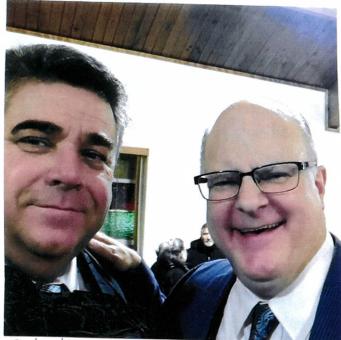




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Carlos, Curt Hamiton.
Kelly Bailey.

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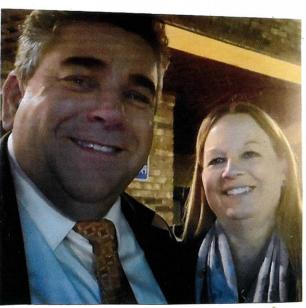
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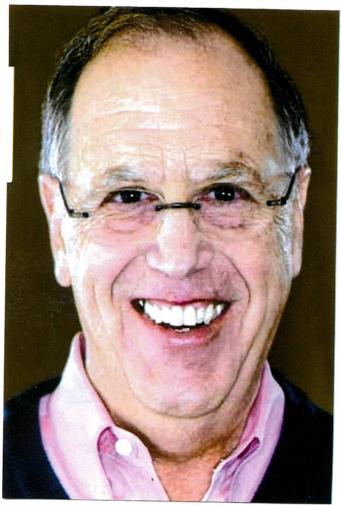
R.I.P. SANTOS

Brother Joe hits 60

MARCH/16/2021







Mr Bob Gillette left who
has been providing our ministry
with ther Dogs, Meat balls,
funding towards Boots and
other food items and
bus/van. Since 2011 or before
ever week.





Brother Joe

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Miss Lisz

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and fester

David

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at the Bible

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Pastar Andy Briggs at the Fairhaven Baptist Church with Brother Joe, Westland Right - Miss Lisa



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the River
Front. It
was 11
load shape
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Misself I'm
never going
back there I DID.





Left Marion Hicks my Bezotiful
96 your old Monn, Spring 2021.

Below Miss Lisa and her
90 year old Father
Throther Clarde Gilbert
Spring 2021 CLAUDE



Below Brother Je 2nd
"Mom Hicks" She's the
one that got me in Church
25 2 Kid the World Still
needs Jesus World Still









This was a weird day like "
2n" old Prayer Baphst Church"
rewnion with Kevin Bowlins
upper left, Steve Legg
above and Brother Andy
Sontagg to Jen Left.

Tricked up goods from
all 3 of them during the
day.



Christic Postes

Brother Joe

and Ken Popchock

at 3 the Doiller General

in Lake On on Michigan

Thank you for the hoge

Donations.



Sorry for the pictures but it was dark. This is the group that loaded the Boats...

It WAS COLD!



Hondreds of new pairs of boots from Maria Stephen's team Plexus. At the Rochester Hills Baptist Church.



Betty and Dick gave us clothes



Marlo Davis



Brenda Raffin

Miss Lisa and Dawn WybrKowski Mike Palmer

The Rochester Clothes > Closet









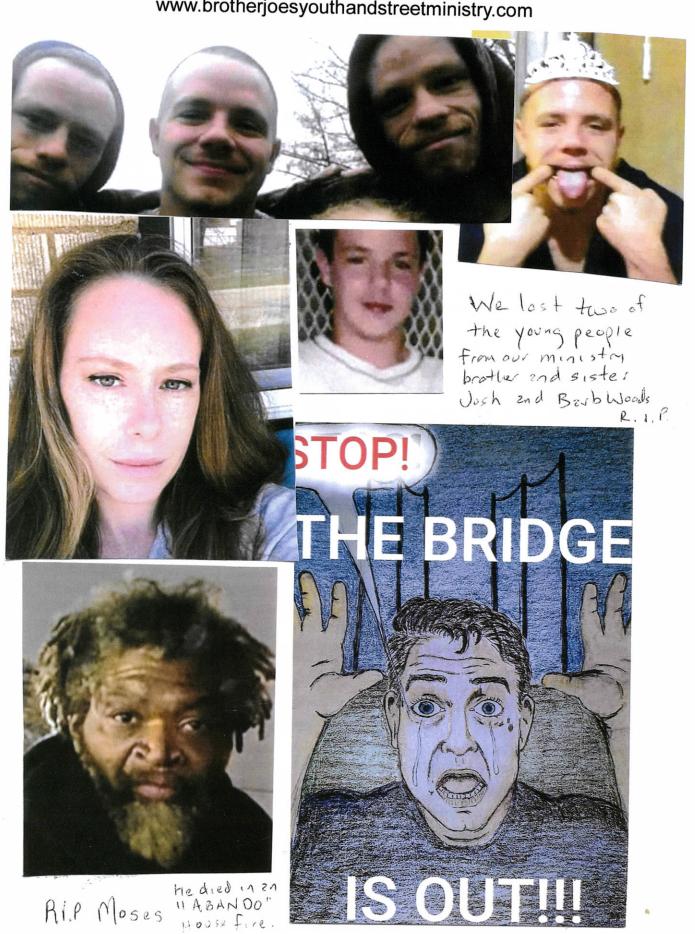


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Ladies at the Rochester Hills Baptist Church Spring 2021

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