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Brother Joe's Newsletter

May, 2023

Greetings! Visitor



Outcry Ministry Friends - Newsletter

FRIENDS OF OUTCRY GREETINGS!

OVERVIEW

Office - 6 partial days

Pick ups and rop offs - 13

7 Street Preached Feedings

3 Clean ups

2 Mom days

12 Special events

1 Vietnam Chapter 9 events

#OPERATION BUMMER SUMMER

Thurs June/1/2023- Cleaned out trailer, dropped off clothing items, then worked in the office on the "Chasing the Devil" Booklet mailing.

Fri June/2/2023- Brother Joe picked up clothing from Karen Hasbrook Hutton's house that Sister Pam Staub and the ladies from the Silvery Lane Baptist Church were helping with an estate sale, THANK YOU!







**Sisters Karen Hutton,
Pam Staub,
Karen Patterson
Fri June/2/2023**



Fri June/2/2023



Sister Diane Shaffer
Fri June/2/2023

Sat June/3/2023- Lisa and I dropped supplies from Miss Lisa to the

ELITE FOCUS SHELTER in Detroit. Then did lawn work at the house.



Sun June/4/2023- Lunch with Mom Hicks



Mon June/5/2023- Dropped off clothing items, washed food buckets, cleaned trailer and Lisa and I organized our van "Snow Ball."

Tues June/6/2023- Brother Joe and Miss Lisa picked up the DeShano Trailer from the Hamilton Family Farm where it has been stored since the frame was messed up. We delivered that trailer to Dan Watkins' House where he will use it for food storage for both of our ministries. Good for that beloved trailer to get a second life!

Weds June/7/2023- Attended Brother Mario Chadina's Tent Meeting at the Highland Hills Baptist Church in Highland Michigan.

Thurs June/8/2023- Filled out mailing envelopes, cleaned driveway, went to Pastor Mario Chadina's Tent Meeting at the Highland Hills Baptist Church in Highland Michigan that night.

Fri June/9/2023- After more Office and mailing in the daytime hours Brother Joe and Miss Lisa picked up our new booklet called "Salt In The Eyes". We preached and fed later that night in the Uptown Transylvania, I preached on Elizabeth as part of the "What DID Jesus Do?" series. Right when we got there, we were told that one of the girls "Charm" had been shot and killed in a near-by Motel.



Fri June/9/2023



**THE KILLING
CONTINUES
"CHARM"
WAS
MURDERED**

Fri June/9/2023



Sat June/10/2023- We were both run ragged and took a day to rest up some.

Sun June/11/2023- I worked more between services on mailing to get caught up.

Mon June/12/2023- # OPERATION BUMMER SUMMER... I finally went a bit more public with a video about the Police shutting down 3 of 4 places where we have been preaching and feeding at. At each of our spots we have about 100 "regulars" consisting of Homeless people, Hookers, Addicts, Drunkards and lots of poor families with kids. And in one night we lost about 300 of our 400 people. All I can say is imagine the Police coming and shutting your Church down. Well 3 of Miss Lisa and Brother Joe here's Churches got shut down in one night.



I have never had any real problems with the Detroit Police ever, and have actually held several Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinners and Luncheons with the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9 and actually held a Luncheon myself after a Channel 7 Action News interview in the 4th Precinct Headquarters

where the Officer that shut us down is from and looking at pictures from that Luncheon I'm pretty sure that he was one of the Officers that I (Brother Joe) fed with the help of Raymond Simpson and Al Horton from City Council President Mary Sheffield's Staff.

I thought to myself "Man this Summer is a BUMMER! Thus Operation Bummer Summer was born! I'm trying to survive this but you talk about Murphy's Law "NO GOOD DEED SHALL GO UNPUNISHED!" Decades of work and literally thousands of people fed and clothed by our little street ministry, I just don't get it! Unless the Officer really believed that we really were a "POP UP RESTAURANT"??? Later that day we met with Raymond Simpson from Mary Sheffield's Office to get a donation from our ministry for another of Mary's Occupy the Corner Anti-Violence events. Both Raymond and Ari Ruttenberg were going to look into the City Ordinances for me.

Tues June/13/2023- Miss Lisa and I picked up my 97 year old Mom and we attended an event called "Soldier Strong" at the Beautiful Kingsley Hotel in Bloomfield Hills Michigan. The event was a Patriotic event, and they talked about the 27 pound Exoskeleton that fits the legs of paraplegic wounded soldiers that they can stand and actually walk when fitted with them. They had a long-distance video of a soldier who I believe was the first fitted with them and he stood from his wheelchair, walked to his kitchen cupboards and took bowls from the top shelves. AMAZING! We had Paul Palazolo the President of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9 and also Gudrun Hite who is an amazing volunteer worker at the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 9. GREAT EVENT!



Tues June/13/2023

**Marion Hicks at the
Soldier Strong event**

Tues June/13/2023



**Detroit Vietnam
Veterans
Chapter 9 President
Paul Palazolo &
Rep Rocky
Raczkowski Soldier
Strong event.**

Tues June/13/2023



**Brother Joe with
Caroline and Robert
Dempster at the
Soldier Strong event**



46 YEARS IN MINISTRY - TENNIS SHOES AND TATER CHIPS EVENT

I talked to a young Lady named Lauren about holding our Summertime TENNIS SHOES AND TATER CHIPS combined with our 47 Year In Ministry Concert there at The Kingsley, she said yes we began working on the details but it's gotten a bit complicated.

TRUSTING IT ALL WORKS OUT

47th YEAR IN MINISTRY DINNER CONCERT AND THE "TATER CHIPS & THE TENNIS SHOES CLOTHING DRIVE" WILL BE MONDAY JULY/17/2023 AT THE KINGSLEY WEST BLOOMFIELD 39475 WOODWARD AVE 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Weds June/14/2023- Office work started on the new mailing.

Thurs June/15/2023- BUMMER SUMMER 2.0 Well NO JOKE as if it could not get any worse, I went over to "The Lot" which I have had several trailers and a few vehicles parked and I had the corner of the old Dewey Dukes Garage now owned by M.C.S. Midwest for decades now, and the 2 long slots that we were promised to us now we have been told that we have to leave! I hooked up the trailer we call "THE EVENT TRAILOR"

because it had shelves in it when we bought it and we use it for helping with others events. And yanked it out of the lot and took it temporarily to The Lucky Dog Lot in Garden City. YEP BUMMER SUMMER!



WORD FOR THE WORLD CHATTANOOGA TENNESSEE- ROSSVILLE GEORGIA

June 16 - 23

Fri June/16/2023- Miss Lisa and I packed and left for our Missions Boards annual meeting, it was relaxing and I actually got to fish and caught 1 little Small Mouth Bass on Saturday.

We arrived in Chattanooga on Sunday afternoon checked into our room and everything was good until... Well, Brother Joe here had some foot and ankle swelling after my bout with COVID February of 2022. And some of it came back after this past April's bout that I had with Community Acquired Pneumonia. I've been sleeping sitting up in a chair to calm the coughing I had, well I laid down during this trip and all the swelling went straight to my left knee! And it was a sharp pain so I was limping and then I had a severe Charlie Horse in my left Calf and NO JOKE I hobbled around during the whole time we were in Tennessee with the pain going from Knee to Calf and back. I usually go down there and do a lot of physical work helping in the Kitchen and building clean up and NO JOKE I was kind of worthless as a worker the days we were there.



Fri June/23/2023- We got home to Michigan late Friday night.



ABSOLUTE MIRACLE

Sat June/24/2023- I worked on mailing and also on lawn, driveway and garage work. I received a text from Sister Sherrill Adkins that a mutual friend of ours has a garage open where I can park some of our trailers! GLORY TO GOD... Miss Lisa and I went down to see it and it's for free I'll tell you more next month.

Sun June/25/2023-

Mon June/26/2023- Well another sad - glad happening I towed our 1968 Kaiser Military M-715 Vietnam era pickup truck nick named "HOSEA" from the lot that it's sat in for two years now. They garage doesn't have the mechanics to put a Chevrolet small block V-8 into this truck so once again Hosea got towed... to the Lucky Dog for a minute. And it was raining and I got wet and it took a few days but I ended up with yet another cough... UGH!





AWAKE BIBLE CONFERENCE- I attended the Conference at the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Lincoln Park Michigan where Brother Chad Reese is Pastor.

It was great! It was good to hear Brother Andrew Sluder and my long time friend Brother Dennis Knowles that night, and to see Miss Darby Knowles also.

Tues June/27/2023- DISASTEROUS... I got a text message from Raymond Simpson from City Council President Mary Sheffield's Office and he wrote that it looks like I'm going to have to have a Vendor's Permit to feed in Southwest Detroit District 4... But WE DO NOT VENDOR... Vendors sell things we give out clothing, tons of canned goods, feed "Hot Food", sing and Preach on bad corners to a "Bad Crowd" and bunches of families, we give and give and give and now we are in trouble for it. Before Lisa and I left for Tennessee Mary Sheffield said to me about us being shut down and she said, "Brother Joe that should not have happened!"

I attended Chad Brother Reese's Awake meeting again that night, at the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Lincoln Park wonderful.

Weds June/28/2023- I went up to the Kingsley Bloomfield Hills which is a Hilton Double Tree property to meet with Lauren who Ive been trying to book the "TENNIS SHOES AND TATER CHIPS" event through but found out she's been ill, so another young lady Amber started to help me.



Then I went to my Mom's and picked up clothing that my Siter Twyla Dirden picked up from the Wolfe family and took it to my Mom's garage.

I went to the "Uptown Transylvania/ Area 51 District and preached "Are You A Baptist?" About the Character of John the Baptist. I'm in the Book of Luke preaching the What DID Jesus Do series and it's good. It was a hot stuffy hazy day with the smoke from the Canadian wild fire dusting up. I was by myself and almost all the clothing went out as well as the canned goods from Brother Dan Watkins. And we had a big crowd there.

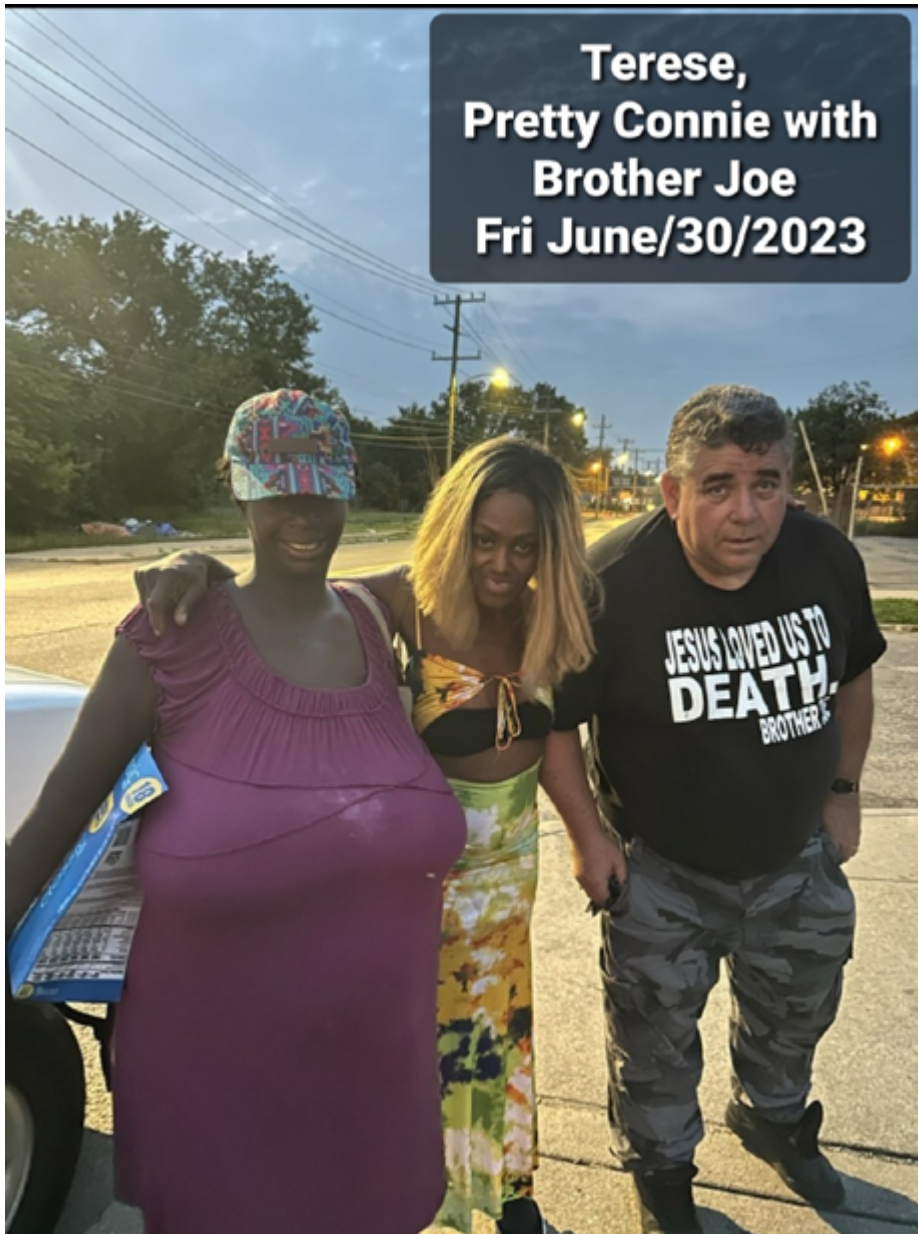
After preaching I went back to Awake Bible Conference dressed in my Camo pants, black Street Preaching Tee-Shirt looking like a real Fashion Victim!

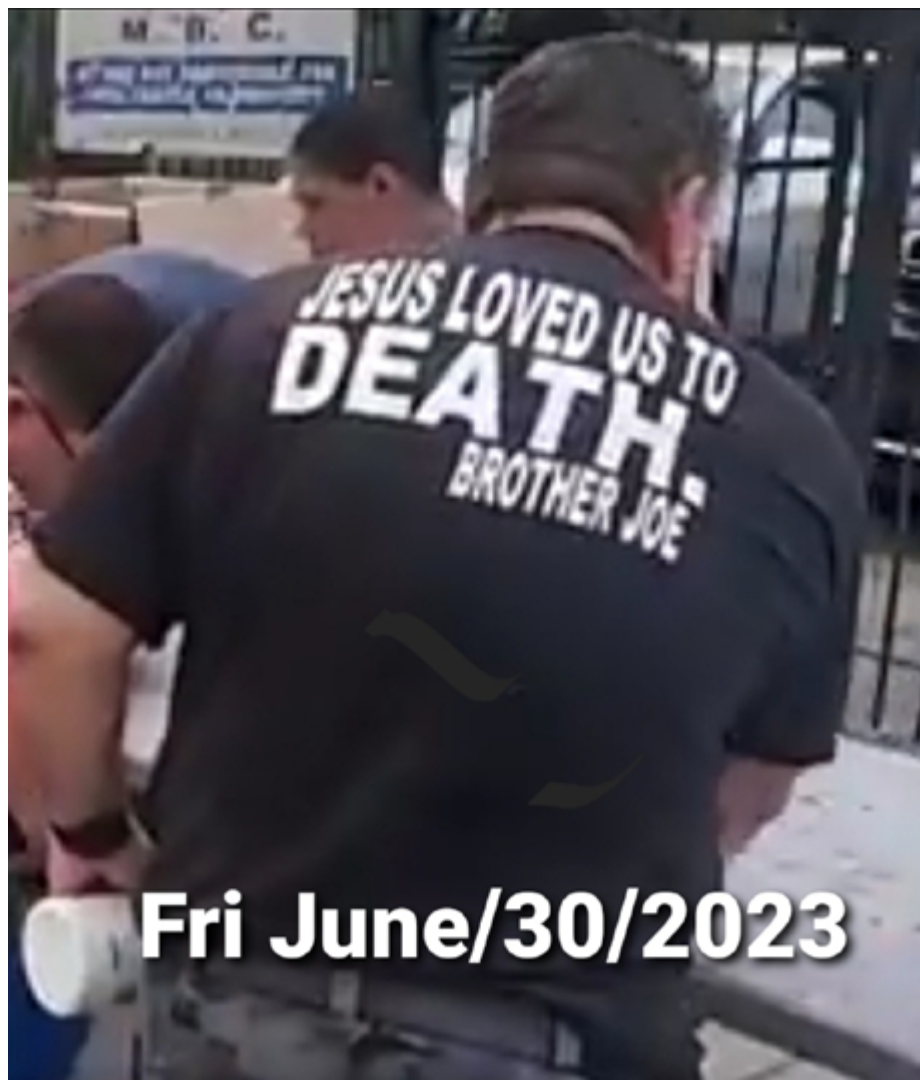
Thurs June/29/2023- I sang and preached a 15 minute "Pop Corn Preaching" kind of message. I picked up a load of clothing from Sister Sherrill Adkins that came from Joan Garza via Timothy Dell. That night Miss Lisa and I went back to the Awake Bible Conference and as usual EVERYBODY LOVES MISS LISA... If folks even tolerate Brother Joe I'm doing good!

Fri June/30/2023- I attended the Awake Conference first on my phone then to get items to a few of the preachers there. Later that night Pastor Mike Ragan, Bernard and Chrissy Harris, Reed and David met us in the Uptown Transylvania Area 51 District. IT WAS WILD we had several absolute LUNATICS in the feeding line and several of those were High as a Kite as well as being Lunatics.



**Terese,
Pretty Connie with
Brother Joe
Fri June/30/2023**





Fri June/30/2023



**Reed preaching
June/30/2023**

Watching your people self destruct is so hard! Fri June/30/2023



Pastor Ragan preached first, then Reed preached and then David preached for his first time... What an area to have your first time preaching at!

That night I sang after the men preached, I did a few of my own heart-breaking Street Songs as well as Carmelita by Warren Zevon. We did not have enough clothing, almost all the food went out it was a great night following a day that I was late all day long.

Time would fail me to tell you all the stories from the Streets the things we see and hear, between our people's self-destructive behaviors and the economy and inflation this is the worst it's ever been on some of these corners, because people are hurting so bad.

Keep us and this Police issue in Prayer. Brother Joe.

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...

313-414-8190

Street Ministry Needs - "Tennis Shoes & Tater Chips Time!"

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 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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