



## The Samaritan

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FROM CRISIS TO CHRIST-CENTERED HOPE AND RESTORATION



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### Exciting Elliot Park Ministry

Being born at Swedish Hospital (now Hennepin County Medical Center) my first breath of life happened in Elliot Park. It is a special place to me.

In June of 1991 when we first started the Urban Softball Series (USS) our first game was at the Elliot Park Softball Field. The USS would go on to have 27 more seasons with many of the games being played at Elliot Park.

On June 30th the "Shine" group from Chatfield Churches brought a group of young people to Elliot Park to minister. These young people were eager to learn and to minister Matthew 5:16: Let your light so **shine** before men that they see your good works and praise your Father in Heaven.



I had the chance to share that my Great, Great Grandparents were from Sweden. My Great grandparents were Immigrants. Both Grandparents were rural Farmers. My Parents moved to

the Suburbs. I moved to the city where my Children were raised.

Our goal is to let our lights shine before all people: Other nations, Immigrants, Rural, Suburban and Urban. All people are image Bearers of God and deserve to be respected and to receive love and the opportunity to hear of God's great love for them though Jesus Christ.



### JRM Elliot Park Celebrates 1st Birthday

Kurt Swanson, Shantel Cook and a host of wonderful volunteers deserve all the credit for Starting the Jericho Road Elliot Park site on July 16, 2024.

Through their Great efforts hundreds of Elliot Park Residents were ministered to each month on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM for an Entire Year!

### JRM Elliot Park Produce Distribution

On July 23rd Jericho Road Elliot Park started its first produce distribution in conjunction with a team from the Elliot Park & Rec. Dept.



The event was hosted at the Park & Rec Building and over 50 people amazingly came through for the inaugural distribution!



**A Special Thanks to everyone who participated in the July Match with Open Your Heart to the Hungry! Very Much Appreciated!**



**Pastor John Bohnsack**  
**Urban Pastor and Visionary**

## A Good Samaritan

By the time, age 20 something, Yvonne (not her real name) found JRM, it was already late on a Friday afternoon and JRM had closed for the day and for the weekend. Temporarily here in Minneapolis from her home in Northern Minnesota, Yvonne was really in a jam. She had encountered a group in her home town who had made their way up north from Minneapolis for the funeral of a family member. With the funeral concluded, they **promised to fill her gas tank to the brim in Minneapolis if she would just drive them back to Minneapolis. from up north.** Having a decent car, enough gas to get to Minneapolis and no other pressing commitments, she decided to be a Good Samaritan and help them with the needed transportation.



When they arrived at their destination here in Minneapolis, **they all jumped out of the car and scattered, running several different directions and disappearing between houses and behind fences.** Yvonne was abandoned, hurt, confused, and bewildered. Unfamiliar with Minneapolis, only \$4.00 cash in her pocket (not nearly enough to buy gas needed for the trip back) and not much more than fumes left in the gas tank, she fought a **growing sense of fear and desperation.** She didn't know anyone here in Minneapolis. that she could bunk in with for the weekend or get cash from, and

friends in her hometown had no way to get money to her. The one JRM staff person who had Provisionally stayed late to finish a project, **found a way to get enough gas for her to solve her dilemma.** You or I might have used a credit card or a check in the absence of cash. She had neither one. What she did have was **the Lord's Provision through your "light shining" gifts, prayers and caring.**

Super relieved and now anxiety free, she was grateful beyond words. As she tried to thank us, we pointed to God's love as the source of the caring and the help. **She joined us in thanking the Lord,** and then was on her way, wiser and more careful because of the experience of the day.

Your marvelous donations to JRM make a huge difference in the lives of many, many families and individuals. **Our most grateful THANKS to you for your gifts that translate into specific help for folks with crisis needs such as Yvonne.**

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