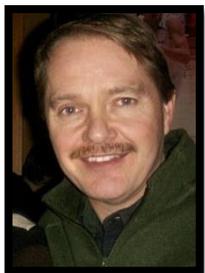




## The Samaritan

## August, 2020



**Jeff Noyed, Director**

### Powderhorn Park Tent Encampment

Nestled 3 blocks away from Jericho Road was a **Tent Encampment with nearly 300 campers at Powderhorn Park.**

**Where did they come from?** Most of the Powderhorn Park homeless campers had previously been housed in their own hotel rooms at the Sheraton Midtown Hotel. It was the City Leaders way to provide safe housing during Covid 19. However, when an overdose occurred on campus at the Hotel all of the homeless - Hundreds - were evicted by management. With no place to go they



went to Powderhorn Park and vacant spaces throughout the city to camp/live.

**Why Powderhorn Park?** It is the biggest park near Lake Street so there was plenty of green space to set up tents. Also, with all of the unrest after the riots in South Minneapolis the City Leaders and Park Police were in a weak position to handle this new crisis. So, the Park Board gave their approval for the Tents.

**Where did the Tents come from?** Few, if any, of the homeless had tents and camping gear. As word spread

on social media many, many people brought tents, sleeping bags and camping supplies.



**Was it successful?** Yes, it got the homeless temporary homes. However, for many nearby homeowners and renters who saw increased crime it was a severe challenge and they were afraid to go to their park.

**Did Jericho Road get involved?** Yes, we helped some of the homeless get into new housing by paying rent. Others were helped with travel expense to reunite with family members who had stable housing. Also, we helped with water, hygiene/baby supplies, fresh produce and prayer for campers as we visited the tents.

**Will the tent encampments end?** Yes, the Park Board is already limiting the numbers of tents/campers per park and forcibly evicting folks who were asked to leave. The City Leaders meanwhile are securing long-term shelters to segue the tenters this fall before winter arrives. Jericho Road has helped over a dozen campers now to secure permanent housing - our hope is to help dozens and dozens more in the next weeks/months.

**Thank You So Very Much** for your unbelievable support and prayer for Jericho Road during these unprecedented times in the City! **Our New Walk-In Cooler** has been ordered on the strength of your outpouring support in July during the Open Your Heart match opportunity! We are so very, very grateful!



**Laurie McRostie  
Gardens of Praise**

### The Church "Farm"

"The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the

seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." Mark 4:26-29.

It has been an amazing year for the gardeners and gardens at the church "farm". It truly is fitting this year to be called "Gardens of Praise". Seeds and seedlings were planted months ago now and the harvest is coming. Flowers, kale, cucumbers, squash, herbs, lettuce, peppers, lemon grass, corn, and more have already been harvested. Tomatoes are ripening as we speak. The garden is lush with green and overflowing with fresh vegetable to enjoy. It is one place where people and families can gather to work, or simply enjoy and keep the desired physical distance to be safe.



Have you noticed how lush it is everywhere in Minneapolis. It seems to me that with the pandemic and riots in our city that God has still blessed us this year with an amazing gift of life. Take time to notice the many gardens, flowers, trees, and shrubs that

are blooming and are places to see and be in to find joy. This gives me hope in a very hard and difficult time. I invite you to stop and see Gardens of Praise if you are in the neighborhood.



**Pastor John Bohnsack**  
Development Director

### On the Front Line

Last month a Jericho Road Ministries (JRM) support partner thanked us, at JRM, for being on the **front lines** with help for so many who have been "hammered" by the Covid 19 pandemic and then blasted further by the riots, arson and looting.

Please let me go backward in time, to revisit a bit of World War II history. When the Nazi army attacked Russia, the Nazis were able to militarily penetrate far into Russia. What the German army was not prepared for was what followed one of the coldest

winters on record in that part of Russia. The Russian army assumed terrible winter weather and was well prepared for it. Between the cold and the snow, as well as the extremely long distance to the front lines, **the Nazi supply line was compromised, spectacularly unsuccessful in providing food, fuel, ammunition, and winter clothing, absolutely essential to sustain their front line position.** As a result, the Nazi military front line essentially collapsed and their army was driven much of the way back to Germany.

If we go back now, to considering JRM to be on the front lines, with help for soooo many with crisis needs, then **YOU ARE THE SUPPLY LINE!** Our hands would be empty were it not for your prayers and gifts. IT IS THAT SIMPLE. So, we thank you HUGELY for caring and sharing so deeply. II Corinthians 9:11 "You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God".

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