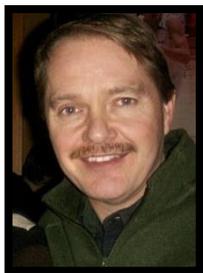




The Samaritan

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Jeff Noyed, Director

Signs of Hope

The Helicopters were competing for air space in the Phillips Community. One was coming to Abbot Northwestern Hospital above Stewart

Park with a critical care patient. The other was monitoring a civil protest gathering with a watchful eye after the riots following George Floyd's death.

Phillips Neighborhood, named after the Harvard-educated abolitionist lawyer from Boston - Wendell Phillips, is home to the American Swedish Institute and the American Indian Center. It is the home of the American Indian Movement started by John Trudell one of the greatest theologians in America and Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, John Piper. (Please read the Gospel Coalition article: "Riot in John Piper's neighborhood" - Jericho Road and I are both included in this article).



Phillips Community Tile

I have lived in Phillips Neighborhood for 35 years now. One of the toughest years was in 1995 when 97 murders occurred in the city and Minneapolis was dubbed Murderapolis. Our small group conducted prayer walks around each of the member's blocks in Phillips praying for peace and against the Spiritual Forces of Evil (Ephesians 6:10-18).

This year, 2020, has been every bit as tough as 1995 for Phillips Neighborhood residents. COVID-19, Riots, Murders, Violence, Mass Homelessness leading to Tent Cities, and a drastically weakened Police Force.

Stewart Park and Abbot Hospital

Pastor John Bohnsack, Laurie McRostie and I have been praying each week against the Spirit of Violence, and for Our Government Leaders, Pastors and Christian Leaders, Members of the Community, Jericho Road Clients, Homelessness and for Justice. Please join us in prayer - South Minneapolis and Jericho Road need it. Thank You!



As tough as 1995 and 2020 were, still nothing compares to October 15, 2017 when we lost our daughter Stephanie at age 24. Crushed, Devastated, Numb, Bewildered and yet Hopeful could all be used to describe our mental and deep-soul state. The Mercies of God, Prayers of Saints, a Grief-Share Group, and reading about suffering and God's Sovereign will in the Bible particularly Job and Psalm 139 (which was memorized by Steph) brought measures of healing.



Stewart Park - Bumblebee

Krista and I joined Pastor Chuck and Carol Steddom at the home of Pastor Kenny and Kathy Stokes as they recently lost their 25 year old daughter. The Steddom's and the Noyed's know what the Stokes are now going through in their child's

death. We are yet healing and yet still hurting and yet still hopeful (in God and Heaven) - for the rest of our lives.



My daughter, who was an Associate Educator at Sheridan School in Minneapolis, would be overjoyed to see Jericho Road distribute backpacks to disadvantaged children like this young girl. Backpacks, Bumblebees on Beautiful Flowers, Prayer Warriors and committed Front-Line ministers are all signs of hope that God is still at work in our City!

And in 1 Peter 1:3-4 we read,

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you”

Whether client, staff, volunteer or JRM financial partner, there is no hope that can compare with “Hope in the Lord”.

Regardless of what problems or challenges may come along, **LET’S CLAIM ANEW THE INCOMPARABLE HOPE** that comes from seeing God’s love and care for each of us, as it was demonstrated through Christ on the cross **AND** the victorious resurrection. It is our joy and privilege to try to share that message in some way, not only with you, but with all who come to JRM for help!



Pastor John Bohnsack
Development Director

Don’t Give Up

A twenty-year-old country boy, awkward and overgrown, was having trouble making his way in the world. He could barely read,

couldn’t spell accurately and was painfully shy. He was fired from his first three jobs, and couldn’t find a fourth job because no one would hire him. Not a likely candidate for success, you might say **BUT** he had one unusual quality. **HE WOULDN’T STOP TRYING!**

Instead of just giving up in despair, he began making brushes and selling them door to door. Eventually, he did pretty well. By the way, his name was Alfred... Alfred C. Fuller, founder of Fuller Brush Company.



**The lesson is clear.
DON’T STOP TRYING! DON’T GIVE UP HOPE!**

The message is the same for you, for me, and for the hundreds who come to JRM with emergency needs.

Despair and momentary defeat are two of the most powerful tools in Satan’s workshop: If we succumb to them, we will be miserable, regardless of income level or station in life.

By contrast, even during difficult times, there can be an element of confidence and optimism if we keep looking to the Lord in faith. Psalm 146:5 puts it this way;

**“HAPPY IS HE WHOSE
HELP IS THE GOD OF JACOB,
WHOSE HOPE IS IN THE LORD HIS GOD.”**

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