

REACHING OUR COMMUNITY

Jones Park Area

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Pastor's Corner



In recent years there has been an increase in widespread drug use and addiction according to recent posts on the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). 23.5 million Americans aged 12 or older needed treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol abuse problem... that my friends, is a serious problem for our communities.

Natasha Tracy in an article she wrote states that, "Drug dependence applies to any drug, including alcohol, that is consumed repeatedly in spite of the negative consequences the drug use is having on the life of the drug user and the lives of those around the user. Drug dependence indicates the drug user is dependent on the drug either physically, psychologically or both in order to function in everyday life."

There are many great programs out there such as; support groups, in-patient programs, out-patient programs and half-way houses that provide guidance and support. However, there are also Christian base programs that are providing that spiritual support that other programs do not provide. There have been various longitude studies that has demonstrated that Christian base programs work. In 1975 by the office of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) by Dr. Catherine Hess, reported an 86% cure rate among faith base programs and in 1999 study reflected 87% of there alumni were drug free and 90% were employed, praise God! If you haven't tried a Christian based rehab or support groups give them a chance. All you have to lose... is your addiction.

Wilfredo Irizarry, M.Div. Senior Pastor

Belief to Serve



The honor of serving others has been a passion of my career. It helped me to be a positive influence on children and adults who are not easily motivated. Employment at the Center for Youth Services and New York State provided me opportunities to use the gifts and skills God bestowed on me to the benefit of others. The current intent is to apply these skills where they can be the most effective: a church whose mission includes the Christian belief to serve.

We are working with people who desire to overcome chemical addiction with a Biblical based spiritual life. Recovery is an intense personal experience reaching beyond chemical abstinence. It begins when a person adopts treatment, support from family, friends, and mutual assistance groups into their lives.

We assist with the Christian component of a recovery person's spiritual journey. The Adonai Dependency Awareness Program (ADAP) works by providing support services to individuals whose intention is to achieve and maintain a life free of chemical dependency.

Andres Curbelo, Administrator Assistant / Grant Writer

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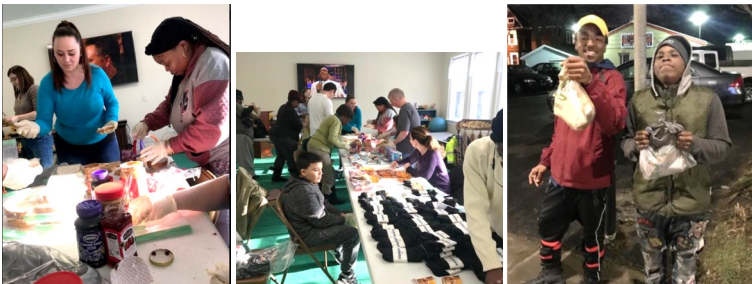


Practical Evangelism

Saturday, Feb. the 23 we had a team comprised of members of our recovery group, prepare Care Packages with peanut butter sandwiches, a drink, cookies, hand warmers, information on services they can use and 2 pairs of socks. Our team went out after 6 pm hitting the streets 2 by 2 giving out these Care Packages to the lost, the least and the lonely in high areas where we have the highest rate of prostitution and homeless. We gave out 54 Care Packages that night.

On the following day, Feb. 24 we had 26 homeless come in for FREE breakfast, which we provide every Sunday morning. One family in particular, I spoke with and asked them how they found out of the breakfast and they shared that they had received a Care Package from someone the previous night on the street. They were so blessed that they were crying of Joy that we were able to help them. Our God will move mountains for one person... and one family!!

March 27, from 1 – 4 we will be working with the New York State Health Department at our facilities, 45 Jones Ave., were many homeless folks will be coming to get tested for diseases and at the same time we will be offering them a nice warm meal as well as giving them a Care Packages so they can take with them. I want to thank these companies; CHEP, Rochester Millwood for partnering with us as they helped us to conduct Practical Evangelism in these needed area!



Counseling Service



Counseling can help the individual identify, clarify, and most of the time even simplify problematic thoughts or feelings. Sometimes it can be difficult, to begin counseling due to fears or feelings of embarrassment. The purpose of counseling:

1- Break from old patterns of behaviors; enable the individuals to live a productive and satisfying life. **2 -** Improving coping skills; helping individuals cope with new situations and challenges. **3-** Encourage decision making; provide the individual with alternatives to make good decisions. **4-** Enhance relationships. **5-** Assist the individuals to realize their full potential.

Counseling can help you work with issues of self-esteem and confidence.

The Word say in **Proverbs 11:14** "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety," also in **Isaiah 41:10** "So do not fear, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Gladys Irizarry, MS. ED., Executive Administrator / Counselor

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(ADAP) Adonai Dependency Awareness Program



We use spiritual principles through Christ & those who have recovered using these same tools. In turn, we get to live a life that is free of Old

Trauma & Pain. Recovery can mean different things to different people. But the path of recovery with Christ is a journey that everyone hoping to recover from **ANY** addiction should take. It's the only way to truly move on from a life of destruction to a life of health, happiness & spiritual fulfillment. The path taken with God as our true higher power in recovery is the only way to no longer be Broken, Busted & Disgusted. We started small in our groups, but the lives that have changed for the better, is something incredible to see firsthand. We are growing daily in recovery.

Shane Bush, Program Coordinator

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For more information about our services and outreaches

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Sunday Breakfast @ 9 - 9:30 AM

Sunday Celebration @ 10 AM

Monday Bible Class @ 9 AM

Monday Leadership Class @ 6:45 PM

Tuesday Support Group @ 2 PM

Thursday Support Group @ 6:45 PM

