



A Catholic canonical missionary service of evangelization with the poor consecrated to the beating Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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## That Beating Heart of Love

Dear Friends of LAMP,

Warmest greetings in the Lord Jesus.

It was probably in the Fall of 1999, that the meeting took place. Surprising to us, Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, had invited LAMP to an inaugural meeting in the Archdiocese of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities. At one point the Cardinal asked each group represented to share about their Movement. Finding it difficult to think of LAMP as a movement, when it was Lyn's turn to speak, not knowing what to say, suddenly the words came to her: "LAMP's 'movement' is the beating Heart of Jesus." Those descriptive words of LAMP's "movement" have taken deep root in the lives of the LAMP Missionaries over these years, in our outreaches with the poor. The presence of Jesus is active, one might say

a "verb", not a static presence. As LAMP Missionaries, we daily seek to be united to that beating Heart of Love for the person before us, sensitive to their suffering, confident in the power of His dynamic Presence. There are countless stories of these victorious encounters. A few are contained in this newsletter. Please be with us in this vibrant witness to God's healing love through your prayers and financial assistance.

With deep gratitude and one with you in the Beating Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

*Tom & Lyn*  
Tom & Lyn  
Scheuring, Ph.D.s  
Directors

*Marybeth & Ed*  
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Greene  
Pastoral Directors

*(l.) Lance, the newest LAMP Missionary, gives a family waiting on line at the LAMPcafé a "Precious" card, that reads: "You are precious in God's eyes." cf. Is. 43:4. The cards are a kind of trademark in LAMP's mission. (r.) Lance prays with Ryan, a young man who came to volunteer that day.*



*Samantha is part of a team of LAMP Missionaries that visits and prays with socially excluded people living on the street in midtown Manhattan (please see her witness on p.2). The homeless gentleman shown here very often encourages the team and joins them in prayer.*

Hailey (r.) visits with a pregnant young woman in front of a Planned Parenthood in the South Bronx. This pro-life ministry is called **A LAMP for Life**, and helps many women choose to keep their babies.



## The Nature of His Heart

It was Barbara's third time coming to LAMPcafé and as I greeted her, tears began to stream down her face. She confided that before she became poor, she used to pass the LAMPcafé without a thought. She spoke of her gratitude for the LAMP Missionaries and the LAMPcafé ministry. "I don't know where I'd be without this." As we prayed together, she shared that through the prayer and the love that the LAMP Missionaries showed her, she was able to realize that she did have dignity and worth in the eyes of God her Father—being poor doesn't change that.

By the end of our prayer, she looked me in the eyes and said, "I want to go to Confession." I knew in that moment that her heart and Christ's Heart were beating as one as He called her to receive His love and mercy, which is the very nature of His Heart. I gave her information about when she could receive this Sacrament (which she did!), and am so grateful for His love and His constant pursuit of each of our hearts.

-LAMP Missionary Hailey Megge

## Faith Restored

When Valerie came from the street to our fellowship with the homeless in midtown Manhattan, she told me she was not expecting much from God. After the fellowship we were able to talk, and Valerie told me about how angry she is, and in my heart I felt that the root of her anger was feeling unloved. I asked her if she feels lonely. She paused and said, "Yes." Then I asked her if she thought God loved her, and she said, "No." Although Valerie and I are from very different life stories, I felt a unity with her in experiencing loneliness and that God couldn't love me. But I also knew that Jesus' Heart was beating with love for her and for me, no matter how we felt, and that He wouldn't abandon us. Valerie told me her teeth hurt and she is sick with pneumonia, so I asked if we could pray for her, encouraging her to have faith that God could touch her. She said she didn't know if she could, but she would try, so she bowed her head. Ed (LAMP's Pastoral Co-Director) and I laid hands on her and prayed for her faith and healing. When Valerie left that day, she was grinning from ear to ear, telling us that her faith has been restored!

-LAMP Missionary Samantha Chestney

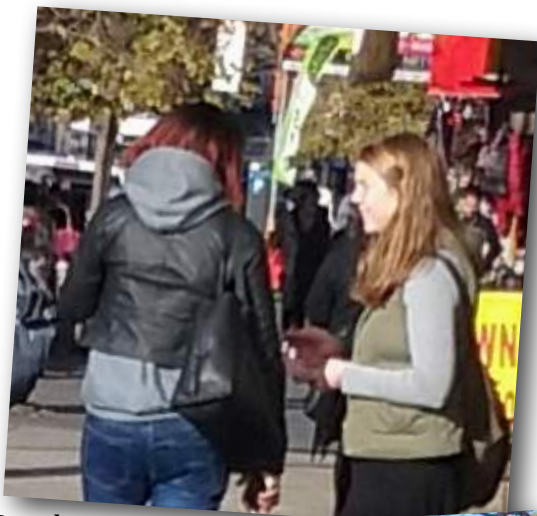


LAMP Missionaries have a moment after Mass with Timothy Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral recently to celebrate LAMP's 35 years of evangelization service with the materially poor. Front right are Lyn & Tom Scheuring, Directors/Founders, and front left are Ed & Marybeth Greene, Pastoral Directors.

## God Is NEVER Done!

On Sundays, Sarah (another LAMP Missionary) and I serve in a nursing home in a poor section of Brooklyn all day. At the end we're hungry and tired, so we usually get food from the cart outside the subway station and eat in the terminal before we take the train home. This Sunday it was just me in the nursing home, so when I sat down to eat in the terminal I was feeling exhausted from the day. But God is never finished working. A lady who works sweeping the trains came by in her safety vest. "Where's your friend?"

"What?" I've never seen this woman before in my life. But eventually I realized that she's asking where Sarah is. She watches us dining there every week, and something (the unity between us?) attracts her. So this week when she sees me alone she decided to strike up a conversation.



While Sarah (top) is sharing the love of Jesus with women considering abortion on 149th St. in the South Bronx, Steve (l.) is greeting a "regular" who comes to the LAMPcafé for a lunch and faith support.



*A woman from one of the nursing homes where Zach serves recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation due to Zach's ministry there.*

Her name is Maria. Whenever another train terminates, she goes to sweep the cars and then comes back to resume our conversation. Eventually she takes her dinner break so she can sit there and chat. She's very curious about what we do as missionaries (it takes her a while to understand that we're not Mormons).

I find out that she's Catholic herself and she loves the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but doesn't go to church much. She wants to get back, though, and I give her a bulletin for the nearby parish. She thinks that she can start coming to the 11:15 Mass on Sundays.

She tells me that I remind her of the saint that wears brown with a white rope. (I remind her of St. Francis?) As I'm sitting there at a loss for words, she starts to pray. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Dear Lord, I love you very much. I'm sorry that I don't go to church as much as I should. Thank you for introducing me to Zach and giving me this time with him. Thank you for the peace you have made me feel in his presence. Amen."

Then she says goodbye, leaves me to catch my train, and she goes to clean some more subway cars.

*-LAMP Missionary Zach Young*



Michaela Pezza  
LAMP Missionary

*"I have done My utmost to manifest the tenderness of My Heart in the Blessed Eucharist. When, impelled by the vehemence of My love, I enter a soul by Communion, I fill it with graces, and all the inhabitants of Heaven and earth, and all the souls in Purgatory, experience at the same moment some new effect of My bounty."*

-Jesus to St. Gertrude in her Revelations

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's mercy is so great to send new LAMP Missionaries to be blessed by sharing His loving Heartbeat with His beloved poor:

**Samantha Chestney**, who previously served youth with NET (National Evangelization Teams), from upstate New York.

**Hailey Megge**, a varsity softball student who has taken a leave from West Point.

**Sarah Mutchler**, a former Focus Missionary from Pennsylvania.

**Lance Breneman**, an airplane mechanic from Georgia.

Please see LAMP's website ([lampministries.org](http://lampministries.org)) for some recent videos of LAMP's 35th anniversary celebration at St. Patrick's Cathedral; Cardinal Dolan interviewing Tom & Lyn; and wonderful stories from the LAMP Missionaries in **The Face of Mercy** blog.

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