



CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE MINISTRY, INC.

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THE OVERFLOW

Praise the Lord! We've just celebrated our first anniversary and are so thankful to God for this privilege. The blessings have been so many that we would like to share them with you. Thus, our first newsletter.

But first, a little background about the coffee house---. It was born out of a God-given burden to share Christ with a needy world. Soon God started to bring together those people who shared that same burden and the doors began to open that would make it a reality.

We had our eye on a building that seemed an ideal spot for a coffee house, (even though it was in poor condition and very small) located in the same part of town as a theater and a popular teen-age bar. God had other ideas though, and after much running to and fro, He led us to our present "home" and, as always, He knew what He was doing, for this spot was perfectly suited to our needs and the rent was reasonable.

Well, everyone pitched in and pooled their ideas as well as "elbow grease" and soon things began to take shape. Our color scheme, red, white and black, was never really discussed. It just sort of happened when the "heavenly blue" paint originally decided upon wasn't available. Now we realize that the red reminds us of the precious blood shed for us by our Saviour, the black represents the sin in the lives of all who don't know Jesus personally and the white signifies the contrasting purity, after we have been washed white as snow by that "spiritual bath".

During the ensuing long hours of work by a dedicated army of Christ's laborers, we continued our weekly prayer meetings and God began to move in a mighty way, with the result that our needs were met and prayers for unsaved loved ones and others with a variety of problems were answered. It soon became common practice to inform everyone that "if you don't really want something, don't pray for it at our Prayer Meetings".

One of the items on our prayer list of needs for the coffee house was carpeting for the Upper Room and it wasn't long before a local businessman was moved to donate money so we could buy our black & white shag carpeting. We also thank the Lord for speaking to the heart of another friend who rented us a brand new spinet piano just hours before we needed it for the guest who was coming that night. Space won't permit sharing all of the marvelous ways that the the Lord has met our needs but He is truly wonderful and His Grace is sufficient.

By this time our group had grown to around 15 people who were getting anxious for opening night to arrive. By the time it did, we were all pretty near exhaustion but the anticipation of the way God was going to use this means of reaching the unsaved and those who would never darken the door of a church, sustained us and kept us moving forward.

The ultimate purpose of our ministry is to communicate the love of Jesus Christ to everyone regardless of age, creed or race. Christian entertainment is provided every Friday and Saturday night in the form of bands, singing groups, solo performers, group singing, testimonies and movies. This entertainment provides an alternative to the type of entertainment available in the bars and theaters. We open daily at 4:00 p.m. except Sunday, Monday and Wednesday and have Bible Studies and Rap Sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Our library is now well-organized and stocked with a large selection of up-to-date books and cassette tapes covering many subjects and is open to the public. There is always someone with a listening ear available to counsel those with particular problems or needs. In addition to the activities at the coffee house, much time is spent in correspondence, follow-up, jail visitation and hospital visitation as well as administration duties. We also have outside activities on occasion such as skating parties, picnics and swimming parties. An overnight camp-out is being planned for the not too distant future.

The total effectiveness of the ministry may not be apparent until all eternity. However, our records show that over 250 personal decisions for Christ have been made thus far. In addition, several have followed our Lord's example in water baptism and others have deepened their spiritual walk by coming into the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

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We thank God for bringing us two precious teen-age girls who had been on drugs of one kind or another for four years and after a really bad "trip", wanted to get out of their environment to "kick the habit". They accepted Christ while staying in our home for a few days and we are watching God do a work in their lives while He reveals His purpose for them.

One night a young man came into the coffee house with his girlfriend, nine cents and an eighth of a tank of gas. After several hours of rapping with him, he expressed a desire to get his life straightened out from the mess it was in. So after we told him about God's plan for his life, he asked Jesus to take control and he was on his way home to his wife and two little sons to try to make his marriage work. We also prayed with his girlfriend to find new direction for her life and a few days later she too decided to put Jesus in the driver's seat. Later that night, the young man called and asked us to come to his home to convince his wife that he had really committed his life to Christ. (She thought he had really cooked up a whopper this time!) Wouldn't you know it? Before the evening ended, this young wife accepted Christ and now their marriage has a good chance for survival with both partners letting Christ be head of the household.

We prayed with a 15 year old alcoholic girl and became increasingly aware of the need for a place for those with problems (drugs, alcohol, pregnancy, run-aways, broken home and marital situations etc.) to stay until these problems can be worked out. We are trusting God to open more of the right doors for such a place for both guys and gals and we know He will provide funds, staff, location etc. to meet this need.

The Overflowing Cup is a non-profit religious organization funded by donations from those who are concerned and want to have a part in this ministry. All pledges and donations are tax-deductible and are very much appreciated.

We have many needs, but if you don't know about them you cannot experience God's blessing in being privileged to help with them. None of our directors or staff receive a salary. The entire ministry - rent, lights, phone, supplies, tracts, etc. - is dependent upon love offerings from those of you who want to share what the Lord has given you. If the Lord speaks to your heart concerning our needs, won't you please fill in and return the lower portion of this letter with your offering. We also have a need for dedicated workers who could spend some time helping with the various tasks that are always there to be done... counter service, witnessing, counseling, cleaning, follow-up, visitation, transportation problems, food and overnight accommodations for needy persons and the groups that often come long distances to minister at the coffee house.

We are most grateful for the warm response received from the business community, churches and individuals who so faithfully help in the operation of the coffee house and lend prayer and financial support as well as an encouraging word.

Plans for the future include expansion of our facilities, dial-a-devotion telephone service, a Christian Half-way House, a traveling gospel team, a full gospel book and music store and a convention for Christian coffee house workers.

We Give all the glory to Jesus and tell of His Wonderful Love.

Dale

Maxine

Dave

Pat

Dale & Maxine Martin

Dave & Pat Fogderud

Directors

I wish to pledge _____dollars per month to the Overflowing Cup to help with the Lord's work.

I cannot pledge regular support at this time, but have enclosed my gift. _____

I cannot give of my money or time right now but I will remember to pray for you. _____

I can spend _____hours each week helping with the ministry.

I can help with food when there is a need. _____

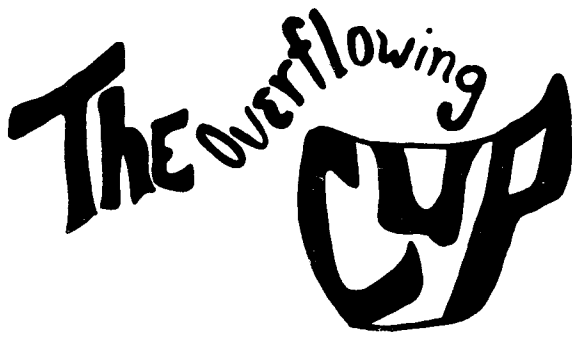
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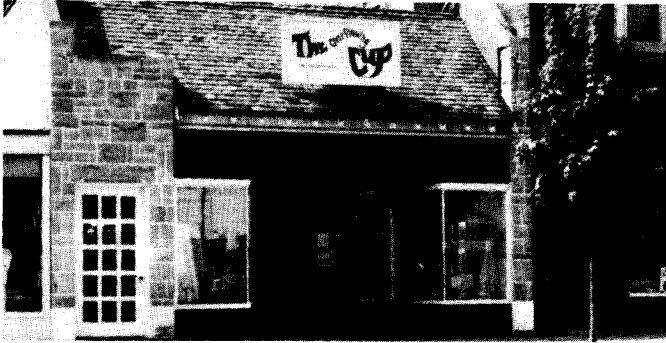
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"THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY.
BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD." Job 1:21

We hope you have been wondering what has happened to us, because that means you care. But, just in case you haven't noticed, The Overflowing Cup is no longer located at 534 East Grand Avenue. On August 1st, we received notice from our landlord of a little more than two and a half years that our building had been sold and the new owner would take possession on September 15th.

Knowing that ... "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose...", we (Dave, Pat, Dale and Maxine-the Cup directors) began to ask the Lord for direction. Having driven by the old Beloit YMCA building at 512 Public Avenue many times and being struck with the idea that the structure could be very compatible with our ministry, we contemplated - Could that be the place God wanted us to go? Are we ready for such a big task? At first, the whole idea seemed really far out. But as the four of us kicked the thought around awhile, it started to feel more comfortable all the time. So, one summer evening after a business discussion over coffee, we found ourselves with each of us holding up a pillar of this big, beautiful part of downtown Beloit's history and architecture, asking God that if this is what He wanted for us, He would give us this building to be used for His honor and glory.

Now then, Matthew 21:22 says: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." So, you can guess what happened next! The doors that would bring about this fantastic miracle began to swing open and a new faith chapter of our story began to unfold. We were able to negotiate a lease with the owners of the building (five stories, approximately 20,000 sq. ft. of space) and they suggested the enormous amount of \$1.00 per year as rent. Incidentally, we are extremely appreciative to all who had a part in this transaction.

Why is it when we ask God for something and get it we are sometimes astounded when the answer comes? We had just begun to realize the miracle God had performed when He began to show us how He was going to further accomplish His purposes by moving on the hearts of a young couple to give us \$1500 to be used to get the building ready for occupancy.

However, even though our rent is small, the task God has set before us is very large. Our needs are many and great. We will need your help. Following is a partial list of items needed.

YOUR PRAYERS

This ministry began with prayer and will continue to be effective only as we pray.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Not only will the necessary remodeling and repairs be costly (literally thousands of dollars), our monthly expenses will increase since we will be operating on a much larger scale. Heating costs alone will be a major item.

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OPERATING CAPITAL

Plans are underway for a Christian Book Store on the premises as soon as money is available to purchase stock.

LABOR

Manpower to do carpenter work, plumbing etc. is needed if we are to meet our deadline for re-opening. (Oct.30,1976)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Paneling and/or Drywall-apprx. 100 sheets

Suspended ceiling and/or ceiling tile - approximately 3200 sq. ft.

Insulation - many,many rolls - four or six inch

Bathroom fixtures

Incandescent light fixtures - globe type

Paint, wallpaper, curtains

Furniture - beds, dressers, desks, chairs, lamps, tables etc.

If you can help with any of the above-mentioned items, please call us at (608) 365-0365 anytime.

Immediate plans for the first floor of the building are to make the coffee house, library and book store operational by October 30, 1976. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR GRAND "RE-OPENING" on Saturday, October 30, 1976. We will open at 6:30 p.m.

Future plans include utilization of the 61 sleeping rooms and existing recreational facilities (gymnasium, game room and swimming pool). Also planned is an operating model railroad layout, a center for crafts enthusiasts and possibly a cafeteria.

We want you to know that our staff is always available for counseling by calling our regular phone number. Please keep in mind that although we have not officially re-opened, our expenses are constant. We are depending on your faithful financial support if this work is to go forward for God. The outreach of this ministry goes far beyond our local boundaries, having touched lives throughout the United States.

Our goals remain the same - to communicate the love of God to a needy world and bring about life-giving changes in people's hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are looking forward to the **soon coming** of our Lord. We want Him to find us doing His will when He comes. We ask you to prayerfully consider what God would have you give for His work.

"GIVE, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU: GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN AND SHAKEN TOGETHER AND RUNNING OVER..." Luke 6:38

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