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THE OVERFLOW

It hardly seems possible that a whole month has gone by already and even more incredible that another year will soon come to a close. Time sure does have a way of slipping away from us, doesn't it? I can't help but wonder, will 1977 be the year when Jesus comes? Or maybe He will come before this year is over. For as long as I can remember, I've heard people say it could be just any day now. Are you still waiting for a more convenient time to begin living for Christ? Will Jesus come and go before you realize His Word was really true? Why would anyone want to take a chance of not being ready for His return? Don't wait too long; Jesus might come one day too soon for you.

The Scriptures tell us to occupy until Jesus comes. Does that mean we just sit around taking up space - playing it safe - staying cool - amidst the conflict? Not according to my Bible, it doesn't! One translation says we are to engage in business until He comes. Another says we are to invest what we have while we can. Does that sound like what's going on around us? If Christians were really doing what they are supposed to be doing, would there be such such a shortage of money for the Lord's work? Would there be such an absence of people to help with the physical aspects that are all just part of the work?

Someone said to me the other day, "You sure are in a strange business." Yes, the people business is strange. But, people can make a difference. It's people to people, folks - that's what it's all about! People who know about Jesus go to people who need to know and tell them about Him and what He's doing and wants to do for the world today. But, do people really care about other people anymore? Do you really care? Before you answer, read on.

Caring means giving of your time - that precious commodity that gets used for everything but what it should be used for. Caring means sharing - your special talents, your money, an understanding heart, a listening ear, a helping hand. Caring means doing - the small but vital jobs that nobody notices but that still need to be done. Caring means offering yourself as a "living sacrifice" to visit the sick, lonely, struggling people that need people to care. Caring means communicating love to an indifferent and sometimes hostile society. Caring means working and praying to bring freedom in Christ to a world in bondage to Satan. In case you are not aware of it, living in peace and harmony isn't enough. We have to care enough to get involved and take the Kingdom of God by force. Satan isn't going to hand it over to us willingly. How about you? What value do you put on souls? Are you willing to stand up and be counted as a member in God's Army? There never was a time for neutrality, but yet so many try to stay comfortable. That's a thing of the past too. Come on! There's a war going on! There are so many needs and one of them is a spiritual boot in the right direction to get us off our duff's!

I'd like to introduce you to the newest member of our staff. There's nothing this guy can't do. He's busy from morning until way late at night just substituting for you. This clever young guy's name is SOMEBODY ELSE. You're asked to do this or that and what is your ready reply? "Get SOMEBODY ELSE to do it. He'll do it much better than I." So much to do in this weary old world ---and workers are so few and SOMEBODY ELSE - all weary and worn is still substituting for you. The next time you're asked to do something worthwhile - just answer this way: "If SOMEBODY ELSE can give time and support, my goodness, so can I!" God bless all of you who have already given so much of yourselves to help us. This is a big project and we don't believe God has called us to do it alone.

Everyday, we talk to troubled people who are looking for answers. We want to show them the only answer - JESUS! Here's how you can help:

*What The World Needs Is Jesus!*

ing. We are constantly reminded of the need to finish the  
- get out of your home to get in on this bless-  
not. RETURNING. You

- (1) Pray for us. Satan is very much opposed to this new work that God wants to do. He is using a variety of tricks to deceive many and cause disharmony and confusion. We know we are more than conquerors through Christ, but do remember the necessity of prayer support.
- (2) We need physical help. The more people we have, the more needs can be met. "Faith without works is dead" the Scriptures tell us. We would appreciate seeing your faith in working clothes. There is still much carpentry work needed to finish the book store and library and if you are not especially adept at carpentry, there are always plenty of other jobs available. This is not a project for just a faithful few, but rather a venture for the body of Christ. If everyone moves a part of the mountain, it isn't long before it gets smaller and smaller and we can begin to see the other side.
- (3) Last, but not least - we need your financial help to keep the bills paid as well as to continue work on the building. You don't even have to go out of your home to get in on this blessing. We are constantly reminded of the need to finish the sleeping rooms for those in need of temporary housing and drug help etc..

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray with us that God would bring just the right person to fill the position of Vice-President on our Board of Directors. It is with mixed emotions that we have accepted resignations from Dale and Maxine Martin. We are sad because they have been such an asset and we have had such a warm unity in our relationship during their service with the Cup. But we have to rejoice with them as the Lord leads them on to other areas of service as yet unknown. We know you love and appreciate them as much as we do and we know that God will richly pour out a blessing on them for their service to Him.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year. As you observe this holiday season, ponder the meaning of Christmas by remembering the first one. We are looking forward to the coming year with great expectancy for what God has planned.

Love and appreciation from:

*Dave & Pat*

Dave and Pat Fogderud, Directors

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I wish to pledge \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per month to help with the Lord's work \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot give of my money or time right now but will pray for you. \_\_\_\_\_

I am not on your mailing list at the present time but would like to be. \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot pledge regular support at this time but have enclosed my gift. \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about this ministry. Please contact me. \_\_\_\_\_

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