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## *The Overflow*

"From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,  
the Lord's name is to be praised." Psalm 113:3

We just couldn't let our fourth anniversary come and go without praising the Wonderful Name of the Lord for His faithfulness to us. As we go into our fifth year of the Cup's ministry, we are so aware that we've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord and we know that's the only way we will ever make it to our fifth anniversary. But, we do want to take a minute and thank Him for His loving Kindness to us and for the privilege He has given us to be in His service.

A few weeks ago, we attended the First Annual Convention of Coffee House Directors and what an exciting time we had! Just to fellowship with other brothers and sisters in the Lord is always a treat, but to share with those who have the same calling, the same concerns and the same problems was really something else. To see how many coffee house ministries have sprung up in so many different places in the past four years shows that the Lord is working everywhere at once if you had any doubts. To feel the bonds of love and understanding where there might have been competition was a neat experience. I wish all members of the body of Christ could tear down the walls of jealousy and competition and realize that we are all supposed to be on the same side. We see so much strife in the body all across the nation, but we pray that everyone will come to an awareness that the only kind of striving that should exist is the kind that is talked about in Ephesians 4:3: "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Well, anyway, I didn't plan to get on my soap box concerning unity again. However, I don't think it's possible to say too much about that particular subject.)

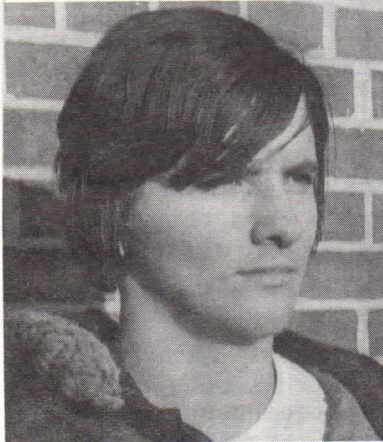
This newsletter is going to be a little different than the ones that have gone before. When we sent out the questionnaire to up-date our mailing list, we never expected such a response. It was really an encouragement that most of the comments were good ones and we really do appreciate your honesty. It helps us to know what's going on out there. The financial response (even though we weren't really making a plea for finances) made this issue possible and we do thank you for letting the Lord use your/His money.

There were many requests for topics you would like to read about in future issues of the newsletter, such as: Christian Family Life, Improving your Quiet Time, Finding and Following the Will of God. Personal Testimonies, Interviews with Groups and Evangelists as well as articles on different Cults to name just a few. We will do our best to honor those requests. We even had some offers from some who wanted to contribute articles for publication. If you haven't heard from us personally in that regard yet, please feel free to submit your articles for possible publication anyway. We appreciate all the help we can get! I know there are some of you who are just bursting with things you want to share. It should make for some varied and interesting reading and that's good because we don't ever want to get in a rut.

Incidentally, since we didn't hear, from some who we know don't want to be removed from the mailing list, we've decided to leave your names on the list unless you make a specific request to have it taken off.



So, as I said, this issue will be a little different and we will begin sharing some articles that have been submitted. The first one we would like to share with you is the testimony of Mike Darwin from South Beloit, Illinois. A few years ago when Dave was on his way to the Lundstrom Crusade in Janesville, he picked up Mike while he was hitchhiking and took him along to the crusade. Mike gave his heart to the Lord that night, but his path took him away from the Lord. We didn't see much of him around the Cup and now he is writing to us and to you, from prison. But we'll let Mike tell his story. Read on.....



Michael Dean Darwin

TEENAGERS THAT THINK CRIME IS COOL

by: Mike Darwin

Back on October 17, 1973, I received my first sentence. Four years in the Wales School For Boys, for auto theft. Boy, I really thought I was cool, the kind of kid that thought I was never wrong and would never get caught.

But I got caught. I stole a car and hit a tree, showing off. The joke back fired, the joke was on me now. I admit I got away with alot of crimes, pulled burglaries and all, just got talked to and sent home. But in 1973, I got my time. That wasn't cool. I skipped school and that wasn't even cool. I wish now that I was still in school. Showing off ain't no fun anymore.

My second sentence, I'm in Greenbay prison now, the big times. I got beat up, been stabbed, been shot at, everything, just because I was acting Mr. Tough Guy. I was trying to be like everybody else, when I should have acted like a young man. Don't try and act like someone you ain't. Act human and stay out of trouble. If you don't, bigger people will just come along and put you in your place, or you just might not be so lucky. I could have lost my life many times, just for acting like someone I wasn't. And sure, I was just one of the big coke sellers of Illinois and Beloit. I really thought I could be someone bigger that way. One of my ex-buddies died from drugs. I got out of it, it wasn't cool either. I figure I still have a life ahead of me, and I sure don't want to spend it in prison. So I'm starting to get my life back together, a little late, but you'll soon find out that trouble is not cool.

I want someday to have a happy family. I sure wouldn't want my kids to tell their friends that their daddy's in prison. Maybe you have a long ways to go, but you'll still have a chance to find out.

Some of you probably know me. I hope you listen to me. Trouble's not cool. If you want to really be cool, have a clean cool, stay out of trouble. You'll find out you can have better friends. For me, I'm cool still, I'm giving up trouble, and that's the first part of a clean cool. If you keep getting in trouble, you'll also find out that it's hard to get a good job. And you'll soon need money, because without a job, you'll end up steeling it. Don't, okay? If you get that feeling that you want to steel, just remember what I said, "Prison isn't fun, you're locked up all the time. Freedom is the best thing in your life, remember to keep that freedom." Just remember, I was once a leader. Take a look at my life, 7 years altogether locked up. I'm 21 years old now. It's no fun.

If you care to write me, I hope you do. I sure need to get more people like you on the right road, with Jesus. May God bless you all.

Sincerely, Michael Darwin

My address is: Mr. Michael Dean Darwin  
Kettle Moraine Correctional Institute  
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Plymouth, WI. 53073

Note: Mike was recently transferred  
from Green Bay to Kettle Moraine.  
Please - won't you write to him and encourage him.





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# Calendar

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MAY 6th....."MORNING STAR" from LaSalle, Illinois. This group consists of three guys and two gals, who sing a new song to the glory of the Lord. This is their first time with us so don't stay away.

MAY 13th....."DENNIS RYDER" from Costa Mesa, California! Dennis was with us last summer and we are happy that he could be back again. His style is folk/rock and the message is personal with something for everyone.

MAY 20th....."A THIEF IN THE NIGHT" This movie has been around before and has been a favorite. It has a message that never grows old since it talks about a future event, depicting the possible day in the life of a young woman who misses "the rapture".

MAY 27th....."REBEKAH" is a young sister from Wheaton, Illinois. She sings and plays the guitar much in the style of Honeytree. Miss her and you'll miss a heavy blessing.

JUNE 3rd....."MIKE KELLY"!!! Well, folks! We've booked him three times in the last four months, and haven't heard him yet. Maybe tonight? He sings and ministers in the "Randy Matthews" way so come on down to the Cup and see if he makes it this time. It will be worth the wait, I'm sure.

JUNE 10th....."KNIGHTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE" They come from down south.... Rockford, Illinois and are none other than Kevin Johnson and Joseph Ravitts. They have an album and a style that is really unique, as well as a message that speaks out.

JUNE 17th....."DISTANT THUNDER" This movie is a sequel to "Thief in the Night" and if that's any indication as to the quality and the content of this film, I will circle this date on my calendar for sure. How about you?

JUNE 24th....."EASTERN GATE". Well, I think I've got it confirmed this time. This born again rock band from Mt. Prospect, Illinois is an all-time favorite around here. We've really been looking forward to having them back again and we finally made it. Don't miss them this time. It might be awhile before they can come back.

WE ARE OPEN SATURDAY NIGHTS ONLY. We open at 7:30 p.m. and activities begin at 8:00 p.m. There is never an admission charge.

# PROGRESS REPORT ::::::::::

We feel a little bit like the little train engine that thought he could make it up the big mountain only he started out saying: "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can." He didn't know for sure that he could do it until he got to the top and started down the other side. We already know we can do it because God has promised us that we can. But, it's sorta like we have had our engine in God's roundhouse for an overhaul on its' insides and now we are back on the right track, raring to go and just beginning to build up steam for the big climb. Since God is our engineer and He's the one that builds the fire that makes the steam, we have to allow Him time to do it. He is not limited by time. He's got all the time in the world. Thank heaven, He's running the train according to His timetable and not ours. So, since we are accustomed to being guided by the Scriptures, we will take Him at His Word in Exodus 14:13, 14: "Fear not; stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which He will show you today. The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace."

We are beginning to see that salvation of the Lord in an increase in decisions to accept him and in the body ministry that is taking place. We have had a couple of unexpected "Open Nights" that were really special. I always wondered why we called them "Open Nights" and now I'm beginning to see that it's because we are open to what the Lord wants to do on those nights when a group cancels at the last minute or nothing special is planned. Somehow, we got our wires crossed when Linda Brock was supposed to be with us and since she was in Alaska ten minutes before she was supposed to start singing at the Cup, we figured we'd better not plan on her making it. We really had a precious time with the Lord and those he had hand-picked to be there that night. I'm glad the Holy Spirit is flexible, aren't you? One thing that has added alot to the mood of things is the Hammond Organ that was donated to the Cup in memory of Carl Nelson, Chuck Nelson's father. We are grateful to the family for thinking of us and being the instrument God used to answer a prayer that was prayed a couple of years ago. See what I mean? God has His time for everything, doesn't He?

Keep praying for us. God is cooking up something in the dining car and I can't wait to see what's on the menu! See 'ya in July.

We love everyone of you so very much.

*Dave & Pat*

Dave & Pat Fogderud, Directors

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