

## The OVERFLOW

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It's been a really long time since you have heard from us in the form of a news letter. First of all, I sincerely want to THANK each one of you who have prayed for us and who have given financially on a regular basis or occasionally, to the ministry of The Overflowing Cup Total Life Center.

We believe that At this time we are experiencing a "Divine Interruption" at The Overflowing Cup facility in downtown Beloit, Wisconsin. We have been without electricity at 306 State Street since July 28<sup>th.</sup> There simply has not been enough financial support to keep up with the utilities. (Thank God we own our buildings free and clear.) This has caused us to suspend our concert activities and our day center activities until we can reopen. However, we still operate out of our youth center next door at 310 State Street and the phone still rings daily with people calling out for help in one way or another. Every phone call is an opportunity to share the love of Jesus.

Our youth center is called "The Living Room" and is pastored by Kathy Jo Price. In addition to the youth activities on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, we hold a Sunday evening fellowship at 6:00 p.m. This consists of praise and worship and teaching from the Word of God. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A few weeks ago, God drew my attention to Isaiah 43:19 which says "See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." (NIV) In this Scripture, the prophet Isaiah is telling Israel to forget the former things and not to dwell on the past. Eight years ago, I personally experienced a divine interruption when I broke my leg. It was very painful but during the healing process I had a lot of time to ponder and evaluate my life and the direction it was going. Likewise in the ministry, during the past several months we have had time to ponder and to reevaluate the scope and the direction that our ministry was going. According to Romans 8:28 "all things work together for good .... " including the "divine interruptions and the difficulties that we experience. During this time God has been doing some housecleaning and I believe that soon we are ready to go forward again with some fresh vision and new direction. During this time of transition, some of our staff have launched their own ministries with zeal and vision to make a difference in this community.

Since our inception in 1974, we have consistently reached out to at-risk youth in this community as well as to the homeless and the hurting. Recently, we have joined forces with a Christian brother who wants to use his testimony to help young people find direction and meaning in their lives before they get caught up in gang and drug activity. His name is Brandon Duncan and his ministry is called Fierce Youth Outreach Ministries. Look forward to hearing more about this in the future.



# Some Stories of People We Work With

Recently, I brought a young girl home after the youth group meeting and I found out that both her father and mother are dead. She lives with her 21 year old sister and has no other family that I am aware of. I felt bad and asked how old she is. She told me that she will be 14 on Monday. I asked her what she would like for her birthday and she said that she would like to go to Arby's. So my wife and I took her to Arby's and Diana bought her an outfit and some other of our staff gave her some gift items. Can you imagine what it would be like to have no family but just one sister? We are all so blessed.

Recently, I was at the right place at the right time. I was dropping a guy off at the Brittain House and a young lady came up asking for cigarettes. She was really "soliciting" to make money for crack. She was so young and I told her about Jesus etc. and that we could take here someplace for help and that she didn't need to be in that bondage. She refused help but about 10 days later she called and said "Pastor Dave, I'm sober now and I'm with my Grandparents." Praise the Lord and pray for Jenny.

It is exciting to see God working in and through us and those we minister to. Recently a homeless man came to us and stayed for the service. We then fed him and took him to the bus depot. He is a Christian and most of his family are deceased. He is looking for a place to fit in and be part of a ministry. I think he will return. Every week (almost every day) we have opportunity to share the hope that is within us.

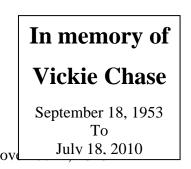
There are so MANY stories and we will be documenting more soon.

Love in Christ,

Dave Fogderud, Founding Pastor THE OVERFLOWING CUP Total Life Center and JOSIAH'S PLACE Coffeehouse

My wife Diana and all of our Volunteer Staff offer their prayers and blessings for you all.





Dear Friends in Christ:

The Overflowing Cup remains an important resource for the lost, lonely and broken in Rock County. We remain steadfast in our call to minister to 'the least of these,' knowing as we do so, we are ministering to Christ Himself. However, our efforts have been hampered due to a lack of financial support. Alliant Energy disconnected the electricity and gas in our main facility at 306 State Street. We have been without service since July 28, 2010. The City of Beloit is threatening to cut off our water supply if the bill is not paid. We have prayed about what to do and chose not to make a big public appeal for funds. Instead, we feel that you, **being one of our past supporters**, must already believe in the ministry that we do in the Greater Stateline Area. Would you please consider making a one-time contribution or commit to a monthly gift to help us keep our doors open. God is faithful no matter what and we appreciate anything that you can do to "help us to help others." No gift is too large and no gift is too small. It would really be great to be reopened in time to serve Thanksgiving Dinner again this year. Last year we served 300 people. May God Bless Each of you as well.

Love in Christ,

Dave Fogderud, Founding Pastor The Overflowing Cup Total Life Center – Beloit, Wisconsin

All donations given to The Overflowing Cup Total Life Center are tax-deductible. We will provide a receipt at the end of the year or more often if necessary.

The Overflowing Cup Total Life Center was founded in 1974 and is a not-for-profit 501.c.3 organization holding permanent tax exempt status with the IRS.

If you read our History, you can see that we have always been and continue to be involved with meeting people's needs - physically, emotionally and spiritually.

We cherish your prayers and financial support. We have adopted this very convenient and safe way for you to donate to this ministry via the internet by using PayPal. If you choose not to use PayPal, please send **YOUR tax-deductible gifts to:** 

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### Simple Monthly Budget

 $As of November, 2010 \\ (PTL-Our buildings are free and clear and we owe no mortgages$ 

and we pay no salaries)		
Utilities	\$	2,000.
Insurance	\$	800.
Printing etc.	\$	100.
Coffeehouse - Bands	\$	800.
Vehicle Expense	\$	500.
Financial Assistance	\$	800.
Telephone Service	\$	500.
** Total Montly Budget = \$ 5,500.		
times 12 months $=$	\$ 66,000 J	ber year

\*\* We do a lot with that and could do more with more money.