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The OVERFLOW

Unto The Least Of These

I have never personally been homeless. Close to it at times. But the ministry that God has called us to is one of compassion and reaching out to those less fortunate. Many of the people we work with on a weekly basis are homeless. Many are hungry and lack proper nutrition. Many are without jobs and proper education. Many are from broken homes and homes that were abusive. Many have been put out of their homes after turning 18 (sometimes younger) and are expected to fend for themselves. Many are lonely and have no family or close friends in the area.

In Matthew 25, it says (paraphrased):
*“When I was hungry, you fed me.
When I was thirsty, you gave me drink.
When I was a stranger, you took me in.
When I was cold, you covered me.
When I was sick, you nursed me and
prayed for me. When I was in prison,
you visited me.”* Jesus said, *“When
you’ve done it unto the least of these,
you’ve done it unto Me.”*

I believe that each of us have a mandate from Scripture and from Jesus Christ Himself, to minister unto the *“least of these.”* We **are** to be our brother’s keeper. Rather than think that the government will do it or someone else will do it, please pray and ask God how you can help. If everyone does a little bit, the needs will be met and the job will get done. Thank you to the few faithful ones who support us with their prayers and finances.

You may say, “How can I help and what can I do?”

I invite each of you to remember this ministry in prayer regularly. Also, we invite you to support us financially, preferably on a regular basis. But obviously, any gift is welcome and appreciated, and no gift is too small. **Tax-deductible gifts** can either be sent to the post office box: 1075 – Beloit, WI. 53512 or given online via PayPal. The PayPal link is safe and secure and can be found on our web site:

<http://www.overflowingcup.org/donate.htm>

Thank You for Helping Us To Help Others.

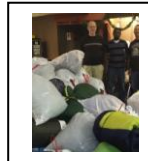
Some Stories of People We Work With

- Recently, we Assisted a male 24 year old, from Northern Illinois, who moved to the Beloit area, because he was promised shelter by a friend. He was staying with a friend and was estranged from his family. This person had many needs and was provided transportation to food pantries, Job Center, businesses for applications and interviews, laundry, personal needs and many hours of one on one life skills mentoring. We assisted him in connecting with friends back home who offered shelter and support in obtaining employment.
- We were donated 50 sleeping bags and Bibles that were to be distributed to homeless individuals. One went to a woman who was sleeping in her car. We were able to get that woman into a local shelter.
- We continue to provide transportation to food pantries, housing appointments or other agencies in order to apply for services.
- Provided gas cards/bus passes to those who are looking for work, employed but waiting on 1st paycheck, families needing gas to UW Madison to visit critically ill loved ones.
- We provided furniture or referrals to those who have obtained housing or an apartment, but lack vital furniture.
- We continue to respond to Crisis, local law enforcement, other ministries/churches or agencies who refer people to our ministry for emergency needs including emergency food/meals.
- Occasional emergency 1 night shelter for those who are waiting to get into shelter, but need temporary assistance for the night especially in cold weather.

- We've added to our weekly Cup activities a Tuesday night Bible Study and Wednesday night Celebrate Recovery with a trained leader. Youth meet on Mondays and Thursdays.
- We have helped many with gas in their tank so that they could get to work, look for a job or get to the doctor.
- We continue to refer people with addictions to treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Every day we have opportunity to share the hope that is within us thru JESUS.

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.



Sleeping Bags



Pictured above are four homeless men in the area. One man had been in prison for many years and had a difficult time finding a place to live. He was sleeping outside and only had a worn out back pack and a tent that leaked. We bought him a tent, a sleeping bag and a back pack. He now attends our services once in a while.

Isaiah 43:19 says that “God will do a new thing.....” We believe that God is not finished with us yet. He continues to sustain this ministry for His honor and glory. Please continue to pray for us as we reach out to others.

In His Service,

Dave Fogderud, Founding Pastor

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

A Special THANKYOU to our Donors and Volunteers.

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Matt. 25:35,36
Help Us To Help Others*