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The OVERFLOW

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Happy New Year 2015

We had a fantastic “New Year’s Eve” service on Wednesday December 31st from 8:00 pm until Midnight. The evening included Special Music from past performers, food, fellowship, water baptisms, prayer & Communion as we brought in the New Year. We baptized 8 people in water and prayed personally for about 30 people.

What will the New Year have in store for each of us? That is a question that none of us knows for sure. Every day is a gift and life is truly delicate. As the song goes, we should live every day as though there was no tomorrow and love like we’re on borrowed time. That is why we must be about our “Father’s” business. We must “Occupy ‘til He comes.” In spite of the uncertainty of what lies ahead; we must keep our eyes on the goal and the plans that God has for each of us.

Phil. 3:13,14 says: *“13Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

Phil. 4:4-7 says *“4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. 6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Merry Christmas 2014

We were happy to help arrange for the “CLIQUE RIDERS” Motorcycle Club (Beloit/Rockford Chapter) to serve nearly 100 meals on Christmas Day at the Masonic Lodge in Beloit. We provided some food and several volunteers. It was a real success inspite of last minute plans.

Thanksgiving 2014

Psalm 136:1, (NKJV)

136:1 *“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”*

On Thanksgiving Day 2014, we served a traditional Thanksgiving meal to approximately 300 people. The community support was overwhelming and instrumental in making this event a success.

We are especially grateful to the Masonic Lodge for offering their facility, Paul Heiser & Stan Riley, Musicians, Sophia's, Nelli's, Family Video, Roscoe Pizza Ranch, INKSMART and the good coverage by the Beloit Daily News, WGEZ Radio, WCLO Radio and other media. Thank you to the volunteer group from the Lodge, the community and various churches. We were reminded of all that we can be thankful for as we served the community & ministered to "the least of these"... In this world they may be seen as least, but in God's eyes, the least, have great value to God. How great a value does a soul have to God..and we are blessed to be able to serve, as Jesus did. The servant is not greater than the master.

What are some of the things we have done to help others this year?

- Given out more than 800 gas cards
- Emergency food and meds for people
- Given rides to job/doctor appointments
- Referred many to homeless and abuse shelters & operated a warming center
- Provided a better car to a homeless family living at Homeless Shelter
- Every day we have opportunity to share the hope that is within us thru JESUS.

God has a plan for you my friend.

Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

I believe that in order to experience God's plan and His best for us, we must truly put Him first in every area of our lives. Even when we seek Him first and follow Him to the best of our ability, we still may face many trials and difficulties in this life. But I encourage you to "Keep On Keeping On" and never to give up. He has promised never to leave us or to forsake us. And you can TRUST in those promises.

What are our Needs?

As this newsletter goes out, we are in the middle of a cold spell with below 0° temperatures. We need more churches and organizations to open up their facility as a warming center for the homeless. It is a privilege to work with the Rock County Emergency System and other outreaches in the community to help the homeless.

- . We need more financial gifts monthly
- . We need more volunteers and prayer support
- . We need to sell our downtown building
- . We need a piece of property on which to build or that already has storage buildings

Thank you to the faithful donors and volunteers who support us with their gifts.

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

We all have much to be thankful for and we want to THANK each of you who pray for our ministry and believe in what we do. We also want to express thanks for those who support us financially. Even though God is faithful to keep our doors open, **it would be so much easier if more could catch the vision and be part of our support team.** All gifts are 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>

The Overflowing Cup opened on April 19, 1974 as a Christian Coffeehouse Ministry. We are truly an "Interdenominational Street Ministry" ministering to Youth, the Homeless, the Un-Churched, those Addicted to drugs and alcohol and those dealing with life controlling issues. **Thank you for Helping Us To Help Others!**



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In His Service,
Dave Fogderud, Founding Pastor

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