

One year ago Narcotics Anonymous had again reached a turning point. Lack of communication was evident in the kind of confused questions and mis-directed letters we received at the W.S.O. Starting from the point of getting all mail sent into P.O. BOX 622 Sun Valley again was our first effort. Second was the need to answer all mail and keep a record of all Starter Kits sent out so that follow up could take place later.

A basic need for more literature had to be met and met at once. Despite many requests to the fellowship, only a trickle of input was coming into the literature committee. We tried, for a number of reasons, to fill this need as quickly as possible. One, we knew that a variety and some different forms of information would help us to grow. Two, since area representation was more widely being initiated, our structure book, talked about for a very long time, had to be published to give some purpose, guidance and unity to the Fellowship as a whole. Three, funds, both donations, little enough at best and 'One' book sales would not be enough to sustain us through the transition period which was taking place; the result of funds being used to build up area and regional service arms of N.A. Four, the World Directory, needed for many obvious reasons, had to be completed now. Five, the sixteen year need for, at least, a Spanish translation of our White Book, starting with an I.P. just had to come about. We had lost the headway we had made in Mexico and South America and all our groups, to the best of our knowledge in these areas had dried up. This had to be changed.

Where are we now? In less than ten months we have 'The Tree', six English and one Spanish Informational Pamphlets, The World Directory updated to November 1st '76 and a Complete Group Kit.

After three years of trying to contact the old groups of Drugs Anonymous in Australia we were able to find the new groups, four in number and after some communication they decided to join us as Narcotics Anonymous.

Their groups are growing fast, since April '76 they now number eighteen. Starting in Sydney in New South Wales they spread six hundred miles south to Melbourne and the same distance North to Brisbane in Queensland. Two groups have started in Perth in Western Australia and we have every reason to believe that growth will continue. To the North in Canada groups are growing as well as loners. The last request for a Starter Kit and other literature, that we have just received, stating that many are seeking our kind of program, was from Bombay, India.

Since March we have answered all letters, except those now on hand, we have shipped out one hundred and eighteen Starter Kits and answered about eight hundred phone calls from addicts, families, probation officers, nurses, drug abuse programs, doctors and judges. We have done our best to make the proper decisions when they had to be made and will continue to do so.

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