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Dear Home Church Leader,

This fall, Xenos has initiated a substance abuse program to serve as a more biblically based alternative to Alcoholics Anonymous. To date, the existence of our support group program has spread by word of mouth. We would like you to know what the program is about and how it may be of service to your ministry.

The substance abuse program is not intended to be a substitute for professional treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency. It has been developed primarily as a means of support for people in our fellowship who are trying to remain sober or who are trying to moderate dysfunctional drinking patterns. The support group provides substance abusers with an environment in which they can regularly discuss their struggles and receive practical advice and encouragement. People in our home churches with substance abuse problems often have needs which are complex and hard to meet through the normal structures of the church. The support group can be an invaluable resource for bridging the gap between the substance dependent person's needs and normal body life.

We want to encourage home church leaders to refer those who you suspect to have problems in this area to investigate the program. Participation in the program begins with an individual interview with the substance abuser to determine what kind of support may be needed. Placement in a support group *may* work in conjunction with individual counseling. Selection of a particular support group is based on the extent of dysfunctionality and age.

A second feature of the substance abuse program is intervention. Often, it is not the chemically dependent person, but his or her spouse who seeks help. The program is designed to be a context in which spouses, parents or concerned friends can receive insight and direction for dealing with the abuser.

Application forms and information are available at the study center, warehouse information booth and the Xenos office. If there is any way we can be of help to you or provide you with further information, please do not hesitate to call (262-3275).

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Heffl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".