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Dear Bo,

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Howdy! I'm sorry it's taken me so long to write to you. I've been wanting to ever since I got back from the convention; just now getting around to doing it. You've been in my thoughts, and prayers, many times. You really moved me, and a lot of other people for that matter, and I love you, a lot.

Things up here are going great, as far as N.A. is concerned. As you know, we formed our Literature Committee, and it's off to a good start. We meet over at George's every Wednesday night, people write down their thoughts and feelings on recovery and cleanliness, we're working on the steps, and each week more people show up, with more support. New meetings are beginning to spring up out of nowhere. Friday night was the first midnite meeting ever in this area (somebody said it was the first on the East Coast, I don't know), up in Doylestown, and it was really something. The expected turn-out was 4 or 5, actual turn-out was something ^{like} 24 or 25! Sitting in that meeting, I was overcome by such a feeling, similar to the way I felt at the convention, that spirit was there. It was beautiful.

It might be a little while before we get a

newsletter out, but I'm praying and working towards seeing one soon. Your 'Rainbow Connection' inspired me to no end, and I can really see the need for one in this area, and I pray that we can get one rolling soon, just some complications to work through.

More and more I am realizing how important this program is for me. Before the convention, I had been having some doubts about whether N.A. was really going to stay around, whether I could really jump in to it all the way. Though I was becoming very involved in N.A., I kept one foot in A.A., just in case, and went to many A.A. meetings. I knew A.A. wasn't going to fold. I'd read all the A.A. books, all about its history, the first meeting, how it grew, all that.

And I had originally been 12th stepped by my mother, who had been 12th stepped 16 years ago by her brother in Akron, Ohio, who in turn had been 12th stepped by one of the original members of A.A. I knew that program worked.

But with all that, N.A. was where I found what I was looking for. And since that convention, I know that it is here to stay. And I'm jumping in, head first! I want to see that N.A. step book, and N.A. big book; I want to see ~~me~~ it grow and branch out; I want

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every suffering drug addict and alcoholic to know that it's here for the asking; and people who, like I did, thinks they're sober because they stopped drinking, while they still smoke pot, I want them to be able to find out what true 'cleanliness' is all about. What having people who really care, who reach out and share their warmth, who pick you up when you're really down and out of it, I want those still suffering to feel what that's like. And I know that a lot of them will. There's no doubt that God is with us, Bro. N.A. has come of age. and, man, it is beautiful to see, and be part of.

Well, I'm going to have to sign off, now, but first let me congratulate you on 6 years clean and sober. That is really something! Give my love, and a hug, to everyone there, and take care of yourself.

I love you,
Cete W

P.S. - Enclosed is copies of the thoughts and feelings shared at last week's Lit. Committee Meeting

R.S.S. - Keep in Touch