

BIC Overcomers

"GIVING FLIGHT TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRIT . . . ONE FAMILY AT A TIME"



Greetings all.

We have come to the end of another session and it has been very fulfilling being part of the transformation that God has done in the lives of these four men Drew, Matt, Harvee, & Steven.



The evidence of the life changed through Christ grew as they shared around the drum each and every morning. We eagerly anticipate witnessing even more growth as we embark on the next leg of the journey with them.

We were able to continue with our desire to reach out into the community and allow the men to give back as part of their recovery process. We were able to help with a ditch project and work in the garden



with Ben Stoner. There was an added blessing for the men as Jabek Ranch, who we were doing the work for, was able to put funds towards their tuition.

We also want to acknowledge the volunteers God continues to send us. Their more numerous than we can mention here but we would like to mention a few. Dave & Deb Bernhardt came from Pa. to be our second Home Living Coordi-



nator couple and they were a blessing to all the men and the program as well. There was also a couple of men, Dave & Greg, who came to us from the Martinsburg BIC Church for our annual spring camping trip. Weather didn't exactly cooperate with us but we did have a fun day until the rain set in and we had to return.



We also send out our thanks to all who support us faithfully. Without both your prayers and financial support we could not carry out that which God asks of us.

Thank You & God Bless
Ralph & Bonnie Yoder
Executive Directors

Bulletin Board

Urgent needs update:

In the midst of this program we sent out an urgent plea for mechanical issues with our vehicles. The transmission on the Suburban went out on Easter Sunday and due to an outpouring of blessings by a couple of cells in the body of Christ we were able to get it fixed the week before program was over. We have also been able to get windshields replaced on both the Suburban and the Van. **Praise God.** There is still a need to replace tires on a couple of vehicles as well.

Van—\$600-\$800 and the **Mountaineer—\$600-\$800** Any help would be greatly appreciated as they both are used on a regular basis for the program.

Concerning the process of recertifying our tax exempt status and becoming a public charity. The paperwork is finished and we are in the process of filing for our new tax exempt number. On this issue we ask for your continued prayers that it will pass thru the necessary gov't channels as quickly as possible so we can move forward with acquiring sate accreditation and becoming insurance providers as well as walking

out the rest of the vision God has laid out before us.

We continue to acknowledge God's involvement with all of this as we were able to have our second board meeting the morning after graduation. We discussed the vision God has laid out before us and were able to take them on an onsite visit of the property God is pointing us to. Continue to keep this in prayer as we venture forward. Thank you and God Bless.

Poder Family News

As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. 2 Samuel 22:31 We continue to stay focused on who He is and where He is leading us, as Director's of the Overcomers and as a family. When life seems to get upended by circumstances we always know that our anchor is in our Lord who is always in control. Ralph and I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know this group of men, seeing God change their lives along the way. I had the honor of being able to fly to WA in April to be at the hospital when Josh and Abby's son Paul (named after his great grandfather) was born. What a time of love and joy with this beautiful family, and when it came time for me to come home there were some tears dropped on little Paul :) Josh is working as a corrections officer at the Yakima Reservation corrections facility and Abby returns to work next week on a part time basis. They are settling into parenthood and Paul is growing as quickly as his father did as a baby. Frank, Ashli, and Joey are thriving in MI and Joey is growing up quickly. Ashli will be quitting her job next month to stay home full time with Joey, which will benefit them all in many ways. Kayla began working full time at the Interra CU branch in Nappanee in April. She really enjoys her new co-workers and how involved in the community they are. We will be traveling to Wiconi Family Camp in Turner OR in July, taking time to go to WA first for some family time. Ashli, Joey, and Kayla will fly out for a few days while we are there. We will have the whole family together (except for Frank who could not take the time off) for the first time in several years. We are excited and looking forward to this family time. We are so very thankful and grateful for all of you who have continued to faithfully support our family and the ministry here. We are blessed by you in ways that we cannot express. God Bless, Ralph and Bonnie

Prayer Requests and Praises

Praises- The awesome staff (both full time and volunteer) that God continues to bring to us. We could not function well without them.

We continue to see growth, despite set-backs, of the men just graduated as well as men who have been out of our Program for a while.

We are so very excited for the vision and path opening up before us for the future of the Overcomers. The vision is large and at times seems overwhelming, but we have a God who is bigger than we can imagine.

The group—Convicted by Christ— an accountability group that has become a part of our program and a place for the men to stay connected to after they leave here.

Jabek Ranch for suppling temporary housing for men in need, many of our former clients.

Knowing, feeling and seeing the presence of God every day in our lives as well as the lives of the men who are here as clients.

God's care and provisions.

Prayer requests- We are always looking ahead for couples willing to come see lives changed. We need a couple for this fall and beyond into 2017.

Pray for Harvee, Drew, Steven, and Matt as they move forward into their lives beyond here. Pray that they stay focused on Him and connected with their support systems.

That financial avenues will open up for the Program in the future as we walk forward into the vision opening up before us.

Financially the program will be able support itself as well as things that will happen in the future.

We continue to have a strong prayer warrior support for all that happens here with the men, staff and program.

Continued continuity and cohesiveness of our staff during programs as well as in-between programs.

The men would always be able to see Christ in each and every one of us.

Keep us in prayer as we continue to seek His direction as we move forward into the vision being opened up.

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