

BIC Overcomers

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



Greetings from the high desert in New Mexico.

We have come to the end of another program here and we are looking forward to walking with Rico, Eli, Paul, John and Stan on the next leg of the journey God has in store for them. The past three months have been very encouraging as we witnessed the changes that all five men went through. They came together as a group very quickly and we enjoyed watching them

help each other through the daily grind of recovery.

One of the things we stress in the program is that we are new men in Christ and that God has our name written on a white rock. No other past client took hold of that as much as Rico. He came to us as Ricardo and was serious about making a change and becoming a better man and father. As I said he came to us as Ricardo and left as Rico. Also during the program all five men made a public confession of faith. Each man left us with the desire to change and mend broken relationships. Keep them in your prayers as they walk this out.

We also want to acknowledge a past graduate



who joined the staff for this session to assist in the program. Ryan was with us this past spring and expressed a desire to help. He has a degree in business and is working towards getting a degree in counseling. He taught the finance class and related to the men in a way no one else could. Keep him in your prayers as he desires to continue in this relationship.

Again we wish to convey our thanks and appreciation for all your prayers and financial support as we walk out the plan God has before us.

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

Program Directors

Vision Update

We would like to express our thanks to all who kept us in their prayers as we moved forward with the vision God had laid out before us. We had our initial board meeting on Nov. 7 and it went exceptionally well. Six of the members were able to physically make it and we were able to skype the other two in during the meeting.

We would like to introduce our official board members as we move forward:

Joe Screnock—President—lay leader at the Morrison BIC

Church in Morrison Ill.

Deb Wiles—Vice Pres.—school teacher & pastor of Rock Island BIC in Herrington, Kansas.

Scott Nordman—Treasurer—lay leader at World Harvest here in Farmington, NM. Also deeply involved in prison ministry.

Estevan Rodriguez—Secretary—lay leader also at World Harvest and a Lieutenant with the San Juan County Corrections.

Pat Velarde—LADAC counselor in Farmington, NM and was instrumental in the original formation of the Overcomers Program.

Dr. Casey Church—member of the Pokagon Band Potawatomi and has worked with the program for the past 12 years.

Keith Tyson—Pastor of the Ashland BIC Church in Ashland, OH. Served 3 years at the mission in the 70's.

Bishop Perry Engle—ex-officio—Bishop of Pacific and Midwest Conferences.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as we move on to the next steps laid out before us.



Yoder Family News



O Lord, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Isaiah 25:1 We are learning in new ways to live in His faithfulness and truth, while continuing to exalt and praise Him. We are excited about the changes and growth happening in our family. Our grandson Joey turned 1 last month, and although we were not able to be there, we will be able to spend time with him over Christmas. We will be traveling east to Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana to share about the vision of the Overcomers, and of course visiting with family and friends along the way. Ashli, Frank, and Joey are doing well in Michigan, staying busy with work, family, and adventures with a toddler. Josh got married at the end of August to Abby Tomaskin and they are expecting their first son, Paul Yoder, in April. They are continuing to live and work in Yakima, Washington. Kayla is living and working in Indiana, spoiling her nephew, involved in her church and working. She has picked up a second job and is looking for an apartment. We will be in Indiana the week of Christmas, and so will get to spend some time with our family during the celebration of the birth of Christ. Kayla, Josh, and Abby will all be traveling to New Mexico for a visit with us in the middle of January. We are excited to have them here, along with Ralph's sister Joan, for some family time. Ralph is staying busy with all the changes happening here as well as some opportunities that have opened up for him to be more involved in a growing ministry in Farmington. I have been able to spend some time on things for my grandson's Joey and little Paul who is not yet here. I am loving the new role of Grammy Yoder :) We are so blessed by all of you who have been a wonderful support over the years. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. In Christ, 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.

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.

The continual provisions God brings to us, no matter where the need or what the need. He is sufficient for all of our needs.

Prayer requests- We are always looking ahead for couples willing to come see lives changed. We have a couple coming for our spring session, but no one for the fall of 2016.

Pray for John, Paul, Stan, Rico, and Eli as they become immersed in what God has prepared for them while here.

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 to 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.

That God would continue to open the doors for a transition home in Farmington that would help our clients as well as many others in need.

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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