

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

The Gooder News

Coincidence or not?

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are running a little late on the newsletter, as the spring session is into its second week. The start of this session was a little hectic as it took us a little while to get everyone here. We have five men who have come for this session. They are: Dennis, Albert, Patrick, Harry, and Stanley. They have all come



here with good spirits and attitudes which is a blessing as we are running this session a little short handed.

Romans 8:28 tells us "...that in all things God works for the good of those who love him..." I would like to relate the story of how one of the men arrived here.

Dennis' story is one that speaks volumes about that bit of scripture. His probation officer had forgotten to have him released the morning the program started and we were not able to reach her until the afternoon. They finally released him late that afternoon, but, they did not tell him he was to report here. He stayed at a friends house that night and then went back to the jail to find out why they had released him. They told him he was to report to the mission so he began to walk. It is approximately 30 to 40 miles out here but he was going to walk it any way.

As he was walking a young lady and her little daughter picked him up and said they could take him to hilltop, about half way. After they had dropped him off he began to walk . The young lady pulled in behind him and said she had decided to take him the rest of the way. She took him to his folks to get his things and dropped him off.

Most people may not think much of this but neither had seen each other before. The young lady drove close to 100 miles out of her way to bring Dennis here. But, one of

the more compelling things of the story is her name, Angel. Coincidences don't happen, God is always at work. Amen.

Each have their story of how they came to be here and have very good attitudes. They seem very eager to hear what we have to say. They are all applying themselves very well to this point. I would ask that you keep them all in your prayers and that God will reveal Himself in very real way to them. I also ask that you keep the staff in your prayers as well for we are a little short-staffed at this time .

Thanks to all who have been supporting us, both financially and with prayers. We can not do the things out here without the support of you out there. Thank you and may God return to you a hundred fold for that which you have given.

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

Yoder's on the move for the Overcomers and the Mission

We will be traveling from May 20th through mid June visiting and speaking about the ongoing ministry here in New Mexico.

May 25th—Nappanee BIC with the youth for a Navajo meal.

May 28th-Nappanee BIC for Sunday morning service.

May 31-Union Grove BIC for Wednesday evening service.

June 1st-Leave for PA

June 4th-Green Grove BIC for Sunday morning service.

June 4th- Cross Roads BIC for Sunday evening service.

We will be returning to New Mexico during the second week in June. If you would like to have us share with your congregation or group in the areas where we will be or traveling through, please contact us. We would be happy to set up a date and time.

May 25th we will be at the Nappanee BIC Church with the youth for a Navajo meal. We will be having Navajo Fry Bread, Navajo Tacos, Green Chili Stew, Beef Stew and Pesole. Come visit with us, taste some new foods, drum and sing, and learn a little about a different culture. If you would like to come by, please call Pastor Fox at the church, so they have an idea of the number to prepare for. 574-773-3365

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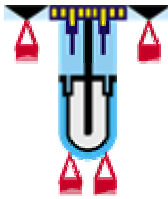
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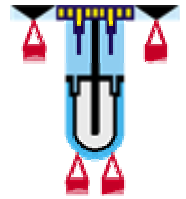
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Home living coordinators needed

We are in need of two couples to be home living coordinators for the next session. If you or anyone you know might be interested please give us a call or send us an email. We will send out any information concerning the positions. Thank you.



Yoder Family News



Good morning from a very pleasant New Mexico. We have had a very mild winter, with very little snow. It has been cold enough at night for me to be able to thoroughly enjoy my wood burning stove in the evenings. Josh and Kayla are both doing well in school and making some very good friends who have slept over here, and they have slept over at their houses. Ralph has been busy around the house and mission grounds during the last 3 months. He and Duane also started up the 12 step program that meets next door weekly. My job in the office has evolved into more than just the administrative end of the Overcomers Program, but that is OK, as Diane and I work very well together and share a lot of the work load. We are excited about our niece Kara and her friend coming at the end of the month to not only visit, but to help us do some work here. This is part of Kara's mini-term work at the school she will graduate from this year. I believe Calvin's will also be coming to visit us in April, with the boys doing some rock climbing in the area. Darrell's church is sending us a mission team in July which will include Mom and Dad Smucker and Darrell's Austin. We are also looking forward to our trip north to share with family and friends all that God is continuing to do here at the Mission. We hope to be able to share with new groups and people the exciting things that continue to happen through the ministry here. When we return, the summer is already filling up with mission teams scheduled to come for work projects and ministry. Then we start gearing up for our Fall Overcomers Session. As I sit here watching the sky lighten behind Huerfano, I am so very thankful for the love and support of all our family and friends. You are such an important part of our lives and the ministry here. I wish all of you could come out and visit with us, and stay for awhile. We are so excited about all that God is doing here, all the good things yet to come, and that we are where God wants us to be.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Praises-

God supplied a terrific couple as a Home Living Coordinator this session.

God has brought to us 5 men who seem to really want to make a change in their lives.

We were able to buy one Washing Machine before Program started.

Prayer Requests -

Pray for the 5 men that are here, that they would be open to let God do a

real change in their lives.

Pray for our staff as we work with these men on a daily basis, that they would see Christ in each one of us.

Pray for continuing financial support of the Program.

Pray for the ongoing 12 step program that runs concurrently with the O/C program.

Pray that our upcoming trip north will open up new avenues of awareness and support for the ongoing ministry here.

As in all things God is the orchestrator and deserves all the praise, but He also chooses to work through His creation. We would like to give thanks to all who have given generously to the Overcomers Program and to us personally, for the program runs entirely off the donations of others. We encourage you to give first to your home church as we all are asked to do, but, if you still feel led to contribute send it to the address above. You can designate the funds for the program or for Yoder support, we must raise our own support. Again we give thanks for your support and ask that God returns to you a hundred fold that which you have given.



Overcomer Program Needs

Through the course of time needs arise or we find things that can improve the program. If you feel that you can help us with any of these please let us know. Thank you.

One more Washing Machine.

A gas dryer.

Replacement windows in some areas of the building.

New flooring throughout.

New furniture for the recreation room and downstairs living area.

Roman blinds and window treatments.

New interior paint in all the rooms.

Inspirational, non-fiction and fiction reading materials appropriate for our program.

Kitchen remodel.

