

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

# The Gooder News

## Be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

It's that time again, we have begun our spring session and God has brought us six men who are seeking to change their lives. Albert, Curtis, Fernando, Freddy, Ricky, and Russell.



God has shown us His faithfulness by preparing these men to hear what we have to offer them. They all showed up with good attitudes and a willingness to learn. Everything is running smoothly through the early stages of the program. We ask that you continue to pray for the

men and the staff, that God gives a Spirit of oneness as we journey with these men. That he will give them an understanding of the value He has placed in each one of them.

As always, God provides His best, He has brought to us two wonderful couples to be our home living coordinators, Robert and Esther Mast and Paul and Heidi Smucker. Continue to lift them up as they build relationships with the men and help them to understand the unconditional love God has for them.

Paul and Robert have been working with the men in their craft time and they have been enjoying that time together. Some are discov-



ering an ability they did not know they had, and as a result are building a higher self esteem.

Romans 12 : 2 tells us, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

This is one of the goals of the program. We seek to help the men coming through to change the way they view life and themselves. The life lived with an addiction is one of self-condemnation and a feeling of worthlessness. Our hope is that as the weeks progress that they will come to an understanding of the depth of the love God has for them, the value that He has placed on all, and that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

Again we ask that you keep these men in your prayers, continue to lift them up and ask God to make Himself real to each.

Thank you, and God Bless.

Program Mgrs: Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

## COMING AND GOING

We are currently working on coordinating our travel schedule for June. We will be heading back to IN again, as we have some new supporters and interest in the Program. We will be in the northern IN and possible southern OH areas for a couple of weeks, If you would be interested in having us share with your congregation, small group, Sunday school class, or just a group of friends, please

let us know. We would be happy to share with anyone who is interested. We will be with the Clinton Frame Mennonite Sunday School class on Sunday morning June 3rd. We are also looking at being at Jefferson Brethren in Bristol on Sunday morning June 10. We will be with our church family in Nappanee on Sunday morning June 17. The rest of our schedule has not been filled yet.

Winter in New Mexico.



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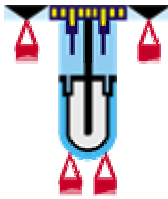
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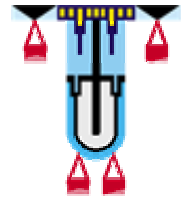
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### Home living coordinators needed

We are in need of two couples to be home living coordinators for the fall 2007 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



Greeting from a warming up, New Mexico. We had a very busy winter with family coming to see us over Christmas, and a lot of snow. Ralph's parents, sister and nephew drove from IN to visit with us for a week. We had a good time sightseeing, visiting and spending time together. Josh and Kayla are both doing well in school and growing like weeds. Kayla is busy planning her Birthday Trip with her Smucker Grandparents, that she will take this summer. Josh is working at staying on top of his school work, which gets a little harder each year. Ralph and other staff struggled with frozen pipes and water overflows, until they were exhausted. We were able to take a week together as a family in February, for some much needed rest. A week before Program began, we got a call that Ralph's younger brother David had passed away. Ralph spent the week with his family in IN, and the kids and I flew up to be with the family for the funeral. We are all still in shock over the suddenness of it, but are adjusting and starting the grieving/healing process. Thank you to all who have supported us through this rather difficult time, we are grateful. Josh and Kayla are excited that their Smucker Grandparents are here as Home Living Coordinators this term, but need to remember they are here for the Program first. I think they are hoping Grammy will find some time to come bake chocolate chip cookies with them on occasion. Josh has drawn up some Bird House plans he wants Grandpa to help with, and Kayla has some clothes she designed she wants Grammy to make for her. We will all enjoy having them right across the Basketball court from us, and having them come over to see us when they can. We are all looking forward to our trip north in June to share about our ministry, but to also see the Yoder family again, for sharing and healing. We have 3 very busy months ahead, but know that God is leading our paths and footsteps. We are looking forward to see what God has in store for us next.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

### Praises-

God brought to us 6 men for this session who seem to be serious about making real changes in their lives.

All the areas God has opened up for us to share about the ministry here. When we least expect it, there is another opportunity open to us.

Despite all the personal upheaval right before we began this session, God still helped it all come together.

We once again have two good couples willing to give of themselves and their time for the men.

We would like to thank all who have been sending support for the program and the Yoder's. Everything here is financed through individual donations. We give thanks to God for all who have given and we ask that you pray God will raise up more as funds are tight. We are in the process of seeking grants at this time, but that also requires funds for the process. The cost for the grant search is \$500 which God has provided for us, but the cost of writing and submitting a grant is approximately \$2000. We ask for prayer that God will provide this for us as well. God has been faithful in all our needs and we know He will be faithful with this one as well.

### Prayer requests-

Pray for Curtis, Albert, Russell, Freddy, Fernando, and Ricky as they begin their journey.

Continued Financial and prayer support for the Program.

Two Home Living Coordinator couples for the fall session.

Healing and focus for Ralph as he deals with the loss of his brother, and manages the Program.

All the staff as they interact with and teach the men. Keep them open to God's leading each day.

## 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.

Replacement windows in some areas of the building.

New flooring throughout.

New furniture for the recreation room and downstairs living area. (We have received some, but still have need for replacements.)

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.

Kitchen items and cookware. Thanks Joan for your donation.

