

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

# The Gooder News



Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is that time of year again and we have begun our spring session this past week. God has brought us eight men this time, Jefferson, Bilson, Norman, Marvin, Paul, Justin, Stanley, and Jeconiah. They all seem to be adjusting well to the staff, each other and the atmosphere of the program.

We have to say that God has again showed Himself to be incredibly faithful to us. Just a few short weeks ago we were ready to cancel

the program because of a lack of volunteer help. We were in need of a nurse to help check men in, an instructor for our health class, and a second couple to be our Home Living Coordinator.

The next two weeks God not only provided for those needs but went beyond that which we asked for. Ernie is a gentleman that came through the program back in 2000. He has been helping as an instructor for the past year and is now taking up additional responsibilities as a grant writer for us. The community has also expressed interest in the possibility of supporting the program financially. There are many wonderful things that have taken place over the past few weeks and we are eager to see what God has in store for the men as well as the program.

God has brought us two wonderful couples to be our Home

Living Coordinators. Both couples are veterans to the task at hand. Herb and Evie Hoover were here three to four years ago and John & Dorothy Barillier were with us this past program.

This is the first time we have had a full house since coming out here. We are not sure of what to expect but are looking forward to the coming weeks. With what God has already done in the past few weeks we are eager to see what He has in store. We ask that you pray for the men: That God will open them up to be receptive to the message we are trying to teach, that they will come to know who God is, and that they grasp onto who God has created them to be.

May God bless and keep you all

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

Program Mgrs.

## IMMEDIATE NEED

We wish to express our thanks to all who have supported us and the program. Your prayers and financial support allows us to minister to the men God brings to us.

This brings us to an immediate need that has just recently come up. There is an \$800.00 tuition fee we charge the men. The Navajo Tribal Social Services has

been providing general assistance to the men to help cover the cost of tuition. We have recently been informed that they are no longer providing this assistance for the men. This money is what is used to feed the men and is now no longer there. For each meal we are cooking for 8 men and 2 couples so our food bill is rather high this term. We are reaching out to our supporters to take this need before their Church to seek sponsorship. We are looking for

Churches who would be willing to partially or fully sponsor one of the men. God has brought us 8 good men and we know He will provide. We ask that you prayerfully seek this out and if willing, contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you and God Bless

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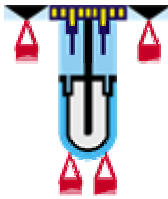
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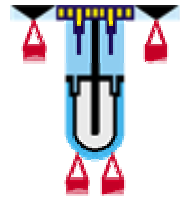
### Home living coordinators needed

We are in need of two couples to be home living coordinators for the Fall 2008 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

Greetings from sunny (and sometimes warm) New Mexico. Yesterday and today were very spring like, however, I fear we still have lots of cold coming our way. Josh is leaving tomorrow with the other youth from school and church, for the Dare-2-Share Youth conference in Phoenix AZ. We are excited about the ones who are going, as only a few profess a faith in Christ. Kayla and MaHalee will stay here with Ralph and I. The two of them are great friends, most of the time. The youth will return Sunday evening, probably very tired. Josh and Kayla continue to do well in school, and enjoy the various activities here on the Mission grounds. We are looking forward to a busy spring and summer full of Mission Teams and lots of activities. We will take our family day together the beginning of April, as we have teams coming in April along with Board Meeting for the Mission and Overcomers. The Mission still has no maintenance person, so Ralph fills in when he can in-between and during Program. He stays very busy during Program with teaching and managing all that goes on. I continue to take care of most of the administrative end of things, as well as keeping track of the finances for the Mission. We are looking forward to being able to see the Yoder family in Indiana, as well as our church family in Nappanee. We also have the joy of attending the Nissley reunion in Iowa. I do not think Ralph and I have been to one since it was in Panama City Fla. It will be good to catch up with relatives I have not seen for quite some time. Of course, Nissley reunions are always good fun, with the unexpected always happening. It is hard to believe that Josh will be 14 in April, and Kayla will be 11. They are growing up so fast, we need to slow down and really enjoy them while they are still here at home. Of course, Josh is thrilled that he is now as tall as me, and handing down his old size 13 shoes to his father (he wears a size 14). Kayla is not growing nearly as fast, and of course that frustrates her to no end. I tell her to be patient, her time will come. We continue to feel so blessed and fortunate to have your prayers, friendship, love and support. God has truly blessed us in so many ways, our hearts are full to overflowing. Ralph, Bonnie, Josh and Kayla



## Prayer Requests and Praises

### Praises-

We are making new contacts in different areas—judicial, aftercare support for the men, and financial.

We continue to experience God's presence, guidance and leading.

Watching God bring together this Program has been a real joy.

We have 2 couples for this Program, which is a real blessing.

All the men seem to have a good attitude and eagerness to learn.

### Prayer requests-

Continued Prayer and financial support.

Pray for two Home Living Coordinator Couples for our Fall Program.

Pray for Ernie who is diligently working on grants and other areas of financial assistance.

Pray that the men have open hearts to hear what God is saying to them through this Program.

Continue to pray for our full and part-time volunteer staff.

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. God has brought to us a gentleman who is willing to do grant writing for us and as such are seeking out this funding. We ask that you continue to pray that God will open this avenue for us as it is still in the beginning stages. Many things are beginning to happen and we wish to thank all who have been supportive of the ministry here.



## 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.

Roman blinds and window treatments.

New interior paint in all the rooms.

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

Single bed sheet sets (masculine).

Kitchen items and cookware.

Kitchen remodel.

New Gas stove for kitchen.

Camping equipment.

