

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 of the Overcomers Program. God has brought to us three men this session and they have been adjusting very well to the program dynamics and each other. It has been a joy getting to know Jimmie, Cameron, and Chris.

We have only been in session for a little over one week but we

can already see God beginning to work on them. We ask that you pray they will be receptive to God's voice and open to all that the program has to offer. We all have good feelings about this session and high hopes as we go forward in this endeavor.

We are also grateful that God has brought to us John and Eva Brubaker to be our Home Living Coordinators for this term. John has agreed to teach our Bible study class and Eva has adjusted well to cooking for a large group. Pray that God will bless them abundantly for their willingness to aid in our mission to help these men.

We will be in session until Graduation on May 22, 2009. Keep us all in your prayers as we work, live and grow together.

HOME LIVING

COORDINATORS NEEDED

The couples that come give of their time and energy for this ministry are so very important to the dynamics of our program. It is doable with just one couple, but ideal for the clients and staff here to have two couples. We do not have anyone committed for the fall session (8/24—11/22) yet, and are looking for those willing to come help us in this ministry. Please consider coming to help us or talking to others you may know that would be able to come to New Mexico. If you would like more information about our program or what Home Living Coordinators do, please contact me and I will send you any information or answer any questions you may have. Pray that God opens these doors for us. In Christ, Bonnie

Bulletin Board

We are excited about the opportunity we have to be able to travel to Indiana in June to be with Ralph's parents as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Their anniversary was Valentines Day, but they are waiting for the big celebration until we are able to be there with them. Because of time constraints, we will be flying to Indiana on June 6 instead of making the long road trip as we

usually do. We will be renting a car and doing some traveling and speaking, but not for the length of time as other years. We will be with Nappanee BIC on Sunday morning June 7 for a time of sharing and fellowship. On June 10 we will spend the evening with the Clinton Frame MYF for an evening of sharing and renewing friendships. The anniversary celebration will be on June 13, and we will worship with Ralph's parents at Clinton Frame Sunday morning. Valley

Chapel VBS picnic will be our next stop on June 19, and then on to Amherst for the Sunday morning service on June 21. After this date we are open until we return home on July 1st. We would like to head into PA to visit with the Smucker's, but we will just have to see how plans work out. If you would like us to visit with you or your group, please let me know.

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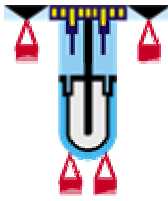
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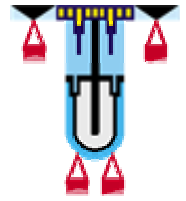
We are in need of two couples to be home living coordinators for the Fall 2009 session. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please give us a call or send us an email. We will send out any information concerning the position. Thank you.



Yoder Family News

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above the earth." What a joy it is to serve the Lord each day and to see His glory. We have had a very busy winter with many things going on, and have seen many good things happen. We had such a good time with Calvin and Melinda when they were here, and I personally

enjoyed playing with Calvin's new phone! We brought them across the Rez in the dark, which may not have been such a good idea, but they survived. Christmas and Love Gifts are usually a very hectic time for Diane and I, but we were blessed with a YWAM group for several weeks to take over this task, and what a terrific job they did. They also helped out in the school and Josh really enjoyed playing the Wii with the young men. Josh flew to Indiana to join the Nappanee youth as they traveled to Youth Quest in Washington DC and had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who supported him in prayer and finances. He was delayed in Chicago coming home due to computer issues, so they gave them a different plane. Ralph, Kayla and I enjoyed some down time with Diana in Albuquerque before Josh got home. January was fairly calm, and then February happened. We had people coming and going with fund raisers two week-ends to help the Rez Warriors go to Dare2Share Youth conference the last week-end of February. We were also in the process of preparing for Program to begin and all that goes into that. We got through it with no major incidents, and last week-end all was quiet in the Yoder household as both Josh and Kayla were able to go to Phoenix this year. I cleaned my house and it stayed clean—until they all returned Sunday evening. Then it looked like a bomb exploded in their bedrooms. We are now settling down for the short leap into spring break. Ralph taught wood shop for the HS boys until program started and I am currently teaching the HS girls and 1 boy Home Economics until the end of the year. That has its ups and downs, but will be well worth it in the end. Brittany gave her heart to the Lord in Phoenix and we have seen some good changes in her already (she goes to school with Josh and Kayla). Thank you all for your continued prayer and financial support as we depend on it each and every day. Blessings to you all—Ralph, Bonnie, Josh and Kayla



Prayer Requests and Praises

Praises-

What a blessing to have John & Eva Brubaker with us this session.

We had a good meeting with the Navajo Nation Behavioral Health Dept., with some good guidance in looking at ways to help our program financially. They seem very interested in helping us in areas they can.

We have 3 men this session who are looking for ways to change their past behaviors and make new starts.

Our staff and volunteers just keep blessing us in all they do.

We would like to thank all who have been sending support for the program and the Yoders. 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.

Prayer requests-

Continued Prayer and financial support.

Pray for Ernie who is diligently working with the Behavioral Health staff, and working at teaching part-time for us again.

Pray that we will discern which directions we need to follow in seeking financial help for the program.

Pray our staff stays focused on God's will and that we remain unified throughout this session.

Pray that Chris, Cameron & Jim open their hearts to Christ's love and salvation. That they take to heart all they are learning.

Overcomer Program Needs

We are so excited about what the Port Colborne church has done for the Overcomers. They have raised money to purchase a new commercial size stove for our kitchen. This will mean that remodeling our existing kitchen is now a must, to make room for this new larger stove. Ralph has already drawn up the plans to accommodate this stove and other improvements that need to be made. If your church, small group, family or any other persons would like to help raise the money to finish all that needs to be done, please let us know. We do not know yet when all this will happen, we will just do what we can as we are able. The stove has to be ordered and delivered, but installation and renovation has not been scheduled. Please pray with us as we look for financial means to do the needed renovations. We are looking to God for guidance and direction for this project.

