

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

The Gooder News



We have come to the end of another session. I must give all the credit to God as He not only brought to us a good group of men, but, also a wonderful couple to be the home living coordinators. Though there were some speed bumps along the way it has been a pleasure working with this group.



Harry was a bit on the quiet side when he first got here. As time went by he began to open up and we found a very funny gentlemen and a very good chef. I hope that he continues to apply the principles from the various classes and that things begin to change for him. He has a lot to offer to the next generation.

Stanley has been a very interesting person to get to know. He is



a man of few words, but, when he has something to say it is usually profound. It was very fulfilling

watching the change in attitude from the independent spirit to one who desires to walk the path God has for him. He is well versed in the scriptures and his words in class the other day was encouraging. He acknowledged his thankfulness to the staff and all he had learned here and stated that his heart has come alive through the teachings of the program and does not want to return to his old ways.



Dennis has been a challenge for all the staff. He arrived here through extraordinary means and there have been some bumps along the way. He had been a loner for the most of his life and has always depended on himself for everything and the concept of family and the dependence on God and others has been something new for him. We have seen evidence of God working

on him and we take solace in that any good work God starts He will finish.



This brings us to Patrick. At times God allows us to be the final link in the chain and

that has been the case with Patrick. He has been a bit of sunshine on a daily bases. He has been like a sponge in all the classes and we have probably seen the biggest change in him. He has a big heart for his people and desires to carry the message out to the reservation. God has given him some tremendous gifts and I believe He has something big in store for him.

I ask now that you continue to lift these four men up in prayer as the real battle begins when they leave. Isaiah tells us, ***"So will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them."***

We all look forward to seeing God's continuing work in these four and what He has in store for them.

In Christ,

Ralph & Bonnie

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

We will be traveling from May 22nd 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.

June 7th- Amherst Community BIC for their Wednesday evening service.

June 11th - Fairview BIC for their Sunday morning service.

June 14 - Clinton Brick Mennonite for their Wednesday evening service.

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 Posole. 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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Home living coordinators needed

We are in need of one more couple 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.

Prayer Requests and Praises

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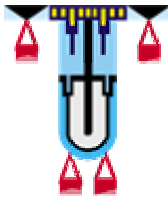
God supplied a terrific couple as a Home Living Coordinator this session.

We have 4 men who have successfully completed this program.

We have seen growth and progress from each of these men during the last 3 months.

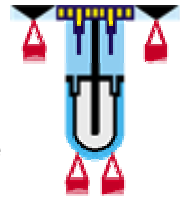
We already have one couple committed for the fall session, and two couples for next year's spring session.

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.



Yoder Family News

Our family has adjusted very well to all the new changes that have happened in the last 9 months. Josh and Kayla are finishing up their first year of school here at the Mission, and both have excelled under the ACE curriculum that is used here in the school. We are excited about a new teacher that will be joining us for the next school year, as this will allow more children to attend. We will need a larger school building, as this year the 9 students and teacher were all in one room. Josh and Kayla are looking forward to our trip north to see their old friends and spend time with our relatives. Ralph has been very busy with the Overcomers' program, as each term Duane turns over more of it over to him. Working with the men in the program can be very challenging, as well as very rewarding. He still found time in his busy schedule to spend with his family, we even managed to get a family day together with the kids. I manage to find plenty to do in the office and around the campus wherever things need to be done. We are in the process of getting ready for a Contextual Ministries Conference here on May 20 & 21. It will be an exciting time with a wonderful opportunity for outreach into the Navajo community. Please pray for the speakers and staff, as well as the people who come to learn. God is doing some good things here, and we are starting to slowly see some changes. Ralph and I are excited about our trip north to see friends and family, but also to be able to share what God is doing here. We are looking forward to a busy summer with Mission Teams here, family and friends who are planning to come visit and all the summer activities that happen around here. We have adopted a stray puppy that showed up here one day, half starved. He loves Josh and Kayla, and they are really enjoying him, as they have always wanted a dog. He has been named Balto, Ralph built him a dog house, and we get our daily exercise taking him for walks.



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.

A Washing Machine & Gas Dryer.

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.

