

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 and God again has blessed us with a wonderful group of men. Getting to know them and building relationships has been a growing experience for the men and staff. We are eager to see what God has in store for them once they leave.

The picture above was painted by one of the men in this group, Ricky. It symbolizes what the program is about. It started out as a simple picture of horses and blossomed into a statement of faith as the program progressed. The native culture is all about balance and harmony with all things and we strive to bring that about with Jesus Christ at the head. It is through that walk that we can overcome.

## We Walk In Beauty . . . As Overcomers

*"Anything which comes from God is able to overcome the world: and the power by which we have overcome the world is our faith." (1Jo 5:4 BBE)*

We wish to thank all who were praying for the men and their families and the staff and their families. Those prayers did not go unanswered as God gave us all the strength to make it through. We ask that you continue to pray for the men as they return to world different than before.



Albert has professed the desire to not put his family through anymore pain and suffering. Pray that God will give him the strength.

Fernando came to us with a great attitude and a willingness to change. Pray that he is receptive to the work God has already started in him.



Freddy was very quiet and not to sure at first but as the program progressed he began to see there is a different way. Pray he has the courage to follow it.

Ricky is the one who painted the picture. He has shown a genuine desire to change and God has given him some wonderful gifts. He has some apprehensions about leaving so pray that God's presence is strong with him as he goes.



Russell has had the toughest time. He had a rough upbringing which has caused him to not trust. Pray that God will break through and he will truly understand the love of Jesus Christ.

We are still seeking the 100% group and with your prayers this might be the one.

God Bless and thank you.

Program Managers:  
Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

## COMING AND GOING

We are heading back to Indiana and Ohio for the month of June, to share about the ongoing ministry. We will be with the Clinton Frame Mennonite SS class Sunday morning June 3rd. We will join the New Paris BIC congregation Wednesday evening, June 7th. Sunday morning June 10, we will be sharing in two morning services at the Jefferson Brethren Church in Bristol. Worshipping

and sharing with our Nappanee BIC family, will happen Sunday morning June 17. We will travel to Ohio to share with the Amherst congregation at an outside gathering Sunday evening June 24th. Weather permitting, we will have a time of worship, praise, sharing and fellowship around a bon-fire. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. If you would be interested in having us share with your group, let us know and we will see what we can work out.

### We Need Your HELP

We still do not have 2 Home Living Coordinator Couples for our fall Program. Please pray with us that God would bring to us the couples we need for our Program. If you know anyone who may be interested, please let us know. These couples are so very important to the ministry here with the Overcomers.

## Navajo BIC Overcomers

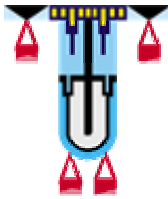
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### Home living coordinators needed

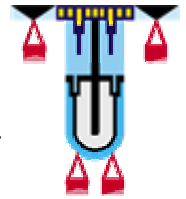
We are in need of two couples to be home living coordinators for the fall 2007 session. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please give us a call or send us an email. We will send out any information concerning the positions. Thank you.



### Yoder Family News

What a wonderful spring this has turned out to be. Once it got warm and decided to stay that way, it became very enjoyable with all the wild flowers and the very green sage. God is such a marvelous artist. We have had a very busy spring, with some physical and emotional challenges, but God has been faithful through all.

We have so enjoyed having Mom and Dad Smucker right across the way from us. They have been busy with Program, but we manage to spend time with them. Kayla got her first sewing machine lesson with Grammy, and Grandpa helped Josh build a birdhouse. Bob and Esther have been a delight, and getting re-acquainted with them has been fun. Kayla likes to play ping-pong with Bob. For our family day this session, we took the kids to Window Rock and amongst other things, we visited the Navajo Museum. Learning some of the history, and seeing pictures allowed us a deeper understanding of the people we have come to love. Josh and Kayla both continue to do well in school, but are definitely looking forward to the end. This year Kayla turned 10, and Josh turned 13. Yes, we now officially have a teenager in the house! Kayla will leave on May 28 with Grammy and Grandpa for her Birthday trip, and meet up with us in Indiana. They are both excited about seeing family and friends again. We will be staying in Ed and Nettie Meyer's home in Bremen, IN while we are there, as they have returned to Africa for 4 months. We are so thankful for their generosity in allowing us to use their home for some rest and relaxation. We are thankful that God has opened doors for us to spend most of June close to Ralph's family. After the passing of his brother David, extra time with the family is needed. We will also be having the sale of his estate while we are there, and want to help his parents. We pray this will be a time of healing and a chance for the family to grow closer. We are winding up Program and school this week. The kids school program is on Thursday evening, and Overcomers graduation is Friday evening. We still have lots to do to get ready to leave for 4 weeks, but all will get done in due time. My big flower pots (thanks Cheryl) have beautiful flowers in this year (thanks Mom and Dad). Between Diane and A.D., they should still be beautiful and blooming when I return.



## **Prayer Requests and Praises**

### Praises-

We have had a good Program, with 5 of the men successfully completing their time here with us. They all seem really committed to making positive changes in their lives.

The Smucker's and Mast's were a real blessing to the Program, Mission and staff.

We continue to see growth in the men from previous programs that we are still in touch with.

God supplied staff needs in several areas of concern.

### Prayer requests-

Keep Albert, Freddy, Fernando, Ricky and Russell in your prayers as they continue on their journey back with their families. Keep Curtis (who left the Program) in your prayers, that the seed planted here will grow and bloom in the future.

Continued Prayer and financial support.

Pray for our family as we travel to and from Indiana. Pray that our time with Ralph's family will be a real time of healing for all.

Pray that God begins to prepare the hearts and minds of the men who will be coming into our fall Program.

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.



## **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.

Kitchen remodel.

Kitchen items and cookware.

Our Gas stove in the kitchen needs to be replaced.

Camping equipment.

