

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

The Gooder News

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55 : 11)



We have come to the end of another session here in the desert. It has been an interesting program with this group. We had 6 men complete the program this session, Jeconiah, Jefferson, Norman, Stanley, Bilson, and Marvin. We invested a lot of ourselves into these men but also got a lot back in return. We faced many new challenges along the way and God's grace was sufficient to see us through.

The dynamics of each group

are always different as was the case with this group. Up to this point the men that God had brought to us had some knowledge of the gospel but this group had little or no knowledge. The challenge was to introduce them to someone they had never known. This brought the above verse to mind as we did not see some of the profound changes we had seen in previous groups. What we did see though was the beginning of God's Spirit working on the hearts of these men. By the end of the program some of the men had began to question their past actions when confronted by the truth of Jesus Christ. We take solace in the promise above and that the same Holy Spirit that guides us is now at work in them. We ask that you continue to pray that God will stoke the fire that has begun in these men.

We wish to give thanks for all who have helped along the way this term, Herb & Evie Hoover and John & Dorothy Barillier, our Home

Living Coordinators, have been a blessing. The entire staff that has given of themselves these past weeks.

We would also like to thank a group of men from The Bridge who came out from Pennsylvania for a camping trip. The opportunity for the Overcomers to



fellowship with others who have been on the path of sobriety for many years was a wonderful opportunity for all.

We ask that you continue to pray for all as we go through the summer months and prepare for the next term.

May God bless and keep you all
Ralph & Bonnie Yoder
Program Mgrs.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Yes, it is that time of year again when the Yoder family packs our bags, puts on the car top carrier and hooks up the little white trailer to head out into the vast expanse of Highways across the United States. We may be heading your way so dust those guest rooms, get out the good china and get ready!! Either that or run and hide while you still can. We will pull out of here on May 22nd.

We will be with the Fairview Congregation Sunday morning, May 25th, and Highland that evening. We then head northeast to share with the Valley Chapel congregation on the evening of May 28, in Canton Ohio. From there we will journey on to PA to be with the Smucker's and Green Grove BIC in Spring Mills on June 1st. On Monday, our journey will take us south to share with a group Herb and Evie are gathering from Fairland and community. We will travel back to

Ohio on June 4th to share with the Oak Hill congregation. Next we are heading into Indiana to be with the Yoders, the Clinton Frame congregation and their Youth Group on Sunday June 8th and Wednesday June 11th. Back with our Nappanee BIC family on June 15th, and then on to the big Nissley family reunion in Iowa. Finally we point our truck back home to New Mexico.

Navajo BIC Overcomers

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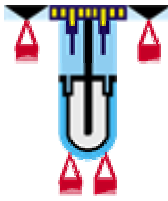
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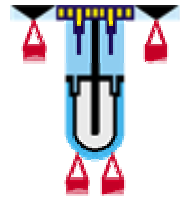
Home living coordinators needed

We are still in need of one couple 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 position. Thank you.



Yoder Family News

Greeting from WINDY New Mexico—Spring is always windy anywhere, but sitting here on top of the mesa, we tend to get a little sand blasted in the spring. It has been a very dry spring so we have not been able to enjoy all the beautiful wild flowers that we had last spring. It has been busy since we last wrote with several



Mission Teams coming to the Mission on various projects, one of which was to paint my Kitchen. That was so neat and what a blessing. Josh, Kayla and I also painted their rooms over spring break so our home is looking new and fresh in several rooms. Nizhoni had a really good year with lots of events and new things for the kids to learn. We have 5 students leaving the 8th grade this year and so are having a graduation for them along with the final awards banquet. Josh is the Salutatorian and will have to give a speech, much to his dismay. He is thrilled that he is finally taller than Mom and is now trying to catch up with Dad. Kayla is growing and maturing faster than Mom is ready for but it is all part of life and I will be fine!! One of the Mission Teams that was here brought along a Buffalo that they cooked in the ground over-night to share with staff, Nizhoni and community Pastors. Ralph, Kayla and I really enjoyed it, but those of you who know Josh's short list of acceptable foods can guess at what his reaction was. He did finally try a piece but was not impressed at all. It has been a busy spring with kids coming and going around here with lots to do. Josh has been helping at the Gym snack bar Sunday and Tuesday evenings, as well as attending the Rez Warriors youth group on Wednesday evenings. Kayla is excited as she will get to be a part of youth group this fall. Ralph and I stay busy with all the various things that continue to go on at the Mission and with Program. It has been a good growing experience for us both this spring in many areas of our lives and we thank God for His continued guidance in all we do. We are all looking forward to our trip this year, renewing relationships and hopefully building some new ones along the way. These relationships are invaluable to us in so many ways and brings us many blessings through them along the way. 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 are starting to see some positive results in areas in several areas.

We had two terrific HLC couples this term, who worked very hard.

Financially we were OK, even with the men not getting their money.

The men seemed very open to hearing and learning what was presented to them.

Our wonderful staff.

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 one 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 take what they have learned here and use it in their lives to stay free of their addictions, and to live for the Creator and not themselves.

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

Overcomer Program Needs

Through the course of time, needs arise or we find things that can improve the program. If you feel 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.

