

**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.

We have come to the end of another session and it has been a joy getting to know, and working with these three men, Jimmie, Chris and Cameron. They showed a genuine openness to the Gospel. As the program progressed there was definite evidence that God's Spirit was at work within each of them. The desire to walk a different path was at the forefront of each of their minds. We pray that God continues to give them the strength to follow that path.



Cameron was very quiet when he first arrived and at times it was difficult to gauge what he was thinking. As time went by he began to open up more and it was a joy getting

to know him. He was raised with both Christian beliefs and traditional ways. That was a struggle for him at first, but as he began to understand that he didn't have to give up his Native identity to worship Christ he became more open to what we were trying to teach. He confessed to having a spiritual awakening while he was here and there was evidence of a change within him.



Jimmie was the one we saw the biggest change in while he was here. He came to us with no knowledge of the Gospel. He had not experienced

much of a family life as he was growing up, so the family environment here was new to him. He responded very well to all we had to teach him. He had stated at one point that when he arrived he thought he was going to have to give up his Native ways and just do what we asked. Through the drumming, the sweat lodge and other things we were teaching he realized he didn't have to. The path he has chosen is totally new for him but we have faith in the work that God has already began in him. He has tremendous family support and are confident in his full recovery.



Chris came to us on his own. He had been part of the Church and had made several mistakes in the past years and was looking to get back to that connection he once had with Christ. He had the knowledge but hadn't taken it into his heart. He had many issues to deal with while he was here and we were able to help him work through most. He has some amazing gifts and if he is willing to allow God to work through him some wonderful things can happen. He has a very big heart and a desire to help others.



It was a joy also working with John and Eva Brubaker this term and we wish them well as they continue on in their endeavors.

We ask that you continue to pray for these three men and the staff. Without the prayers and support of the saints we cannot do what we do here.

God Bless and Thank You,

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

Program Mgrs.

## 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 Valentine's 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. We will travel on to PA to spend time with the Smuckers and then on to Palmyra BIC, Berean SS class on June 28. Josh would like to see the Messiah College campus in the afternoon and then we will be with Fairland BIC that evening.

## Navajo BIC Overcomers

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### Home living Coordinators needed

We are in need of one more couple 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.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

### Praises-

What a joy and blessing to have John and Eva with us as they worked along side of the staff and clients to make this another good program.

We have a new commercial size stove for the kitchen. Thanks Port Colborne!

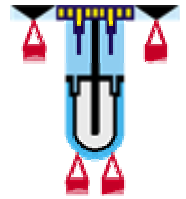
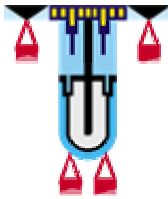
Wheels turn slow but we are making good contacts with the Navajo Nation and others who can help us.

All the volunteers and staff who worked so hard for another program. We are so blessed by those who help.

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. We are looking for more individuals who would be willing to support the program. We are hoping to find 500 individuals who would be willing to give \$10 a month. This would be a tremendous help in furthering our mission here to help those to overcome their addictions. Many things are beginning to happen and we wish to thank all who have been supportive of the ministry here.



## Yoder Family News



My goodness how time flies when you are having fun!! We have had a spring full of activities and changes. The biggest change for me was having Duane move his office from their home to the front office (my former office) and my moving up the hill to the Overcomers building. I still spend a day in the front office taking care of financial things and helping Diane, but the majority of my time is now in my office at the top of the hill. This keeps me closer to Program and able to help out where needed. We all managed to stay well this spring until the very end and then WHAM we all got hit, and Ralph was the unfortunate one who got it the last 3 days of program. School was good this year for Josh and Kayla with normal struggles with math, but they both made Honor Roll several times and survived. They both really enjoyed the final field trip to Spirit West Coast in Del Mar, CA, although it may have been a little long and busy for Kayla. They got to play in the Atlantic ocean as well as enjoy lots of bands and speakers and camping out in tents. We are so excited about getting two new staff members for the school this next year as this will help in so many ways. Josh will be taking Drivers Education this summer as well as having his wisdom teeth removed. I think he will enjoy one more than the other. He is also looking at the possibility of finishing his HS in 3 years instead of 4, but we will see how motivated he is. He is also thinking about possibly attending Messiah College but taking a year of College locally first. Kayla is just looking forward to a summer full of Mission teams and making new friends. Ralph and I both taught for the school this year, Ralph with Wood Shop and I took on Home Economics. It was a good experience for me but seemed to push my schedule a little tight at times. Their final project was to cook a meal for the Nizhoni kids and all staff who could attend. They did a very good job and no one got sick from the food!! I wish we would have had a little more time to get into some basic sewing, but maybe another time. They all wanted to butcher a sheep as their final project but that was a bit much for me to take on. We are looking forward to our time of traveling and visiting with family and friends as well as sharing about the ministry here. God Bless, Ralph, Bonnie, Josh and Kayla.

## Overcomer Program Needs

**We are so excited** about what the Port Colborne church has done for the Overcomers. The new stove is here and we will try to get it in the kitchen before we leave on our travels. We now need to raise the money for the remodel of the kitchen and are setting aside a separate account just for this purpose. If you personally, your small group, SS class or congregation would like to help, you can send your donations to the Overcomers and this money will go into this special account. When we have the money we will begin the remodel. If you would like more information about our vision for the remodel, see pictures of the stove and what we would like to see happen, let me know and I will get the information to you. As we look to the future for the program, this is one area we know needs some attention very soon. Keep this project in your prayers. Thank You, Ralph & Bonnie

