

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 of the Overcomers and it has been a blessing working with the men and the volunteers that God brought to us. It was a stressful beginning as we had 5 of the 8 that we had accepted taken from us by the courts, but, God brought to us those that were to be here.



These three were an exceptional group. Lorenzo, Sterling, and Colby showed a desire to change and worked very well within the program to apply the principles we taught. We have high hopes that they will be our

first 100% group.



Colby was our youngster of the group. He has a strong background in Christianity as he

was raised in the Church but strayed away. We were able to help him rekindle that relationship. We encouraged him to follow his grandfathers footsteps as he was a pastor in the area. He has strong support from his family and we ask that you pray that it continues and that God increases the flame that was rekindled within.



Sterling was our resident artist in the group. His knowledge of Christ was almost non-existent when he came to us. He had said that he knew of the Bible but nothing of what was inside the cover. As the program progressed we could see a visible change that God had brought about. He was very tense and almost defensive at first, but by the end we noticed an

inner peace about him and the rough edge had been smoothed. His desire is to go to school and further his education and also to return here for church services. We ask that you pray God continues the work within him that was started.



Lorenzo is a very quiet person and it was difficult to get a read on him. As the weeks passed he began to open up and we found a person with a

very big heart. Towards the end he became very concerned with where he was going to go. He didn't have a whole lot of support and didn't want to get back into the same rut. We ask that you pray God will bring into his life a person/persons that will continue to give him the support and encouragement his soul desires.

We wish to thank all who have continued to support the ministry, either with prayer or financially.

Program Mng. Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

HOME LIVING COORDINATOR'S

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of the Home Living Coordinators to the success of the Overcomers Program. They are the ones who give the program its family environment that most of these men have never experienced. By living out the Gospel they help to soften the hearts of the men so that what we try to teach will take root.

The couple that God brought to us were wonderful. John and Dorothy Barillier were a blessing to all, residents and staff alike. By the end of the session the men viewed them as mom & dad. We cannot express our thanks enough for the help they were, and look forward to the next session as they have



decided to return for another. We still need the second couple for the Spring session and encourage any couple who desires to be part of a life changing experience to prayerfully seek the Lords guidance. Just as one pebble can affect the entire surface of a lake, one life changed can affect many more. May God continue to share His blessings with you.

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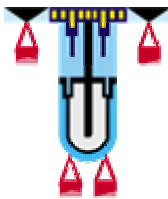
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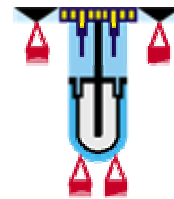
Home living coordinators needed

We are in need of one more couple to be home living coordinators for the Spring 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 positions. Thank you.



Yoder Family News

We have had a very busy fall, with unexpected blessings mixed in. God seems to send those little extra touches into our lives just when we need them the most. He is a most wonderful and caring Father. School is continuing to go very well for Josh and Kayla, with old and new friends. Josh is very happy that he is now as tall as his mother, and in his tennis shoes, taller than mom. Kayla is happy to have the new teacher's daughter, MaHalee on campus to run around with all the time. Our niece Mandi Smucker got married a month ago, and thanks to the generosity of our extended family, Josh, Kayla and I were able to fly out to PA for the wedding. It was nice to be able to spend some extra time with Mom and Dad, as well as see some of our family we have not seen for awhile. Ralph had to stay here, as we were in the middle of Program, and the Bristow's were traveling back east. I don't think he really minded having peace and quiet at home for a week. We were glad that Becky and Gary Gaspard from Louisiana were here for a month while Duane and Diane were gone. They were a tremendous help to us here at the Mission, and we learned to know a really great couple. Nizhoni Christian Academy students prepared a Thanksgiving meal for parents, family and friends today. All the kids did a really good job, and the meal was delicious as well. We are getting ready for a busy couple of weeks here at the Mission, preparing for Christmas Love Gifts, our annual Craft Sale, the Mission Christmas Celebration, Nizhoni Christmas Program and our own Christmas time together. We hope to be able to take some time between Christmas and New Years for our family to get away together in Albuquerque with our good friend Diana Wong. This last Program was harder on the kids than normal, because Ralph spent more time than usual with the guys in Program. With only one Home Living Coordinator, he has to fill in extra time, and the kids really felt it. We need to take some extra time together as a family, so this seems like a good time to do so. We are looking forward to the new year and all that it holds. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support through prayer, friendship, phone calls, letters and financially. We are blessed to have you with us in this ministry.



Prayer Requests and Praises

Praises-

Another Program successfully completed, with seeing God work in many ways in many areas.

John & Dorothy Barillier come to us from Canada, and what a blessing they have been to us and the men in Program.

We are making new contacts in different areas—judicial, aftercare support for the men, and financial.

We continue to experience God's presence, guidance and leading.

Prayer requests-

Keep Colby, Sterling, and Lorenzo in your prayers as they continue the process of learning how to overcome their addictions and walk with the Creator. They now have to opportunity to put into practice all they have learned here.

Continued Prayer and financial support.

Pray for one more Home Living Coordinator Couple for our Spring Program.

Begin praying for the men who will part of our Spring Program, that God will begin to open them to what they will learn here.

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.

Single bed sheet sets (masculine).

Kitchen items and cookware.

Kitchen remodel.

New Gas stove for kitchen.

Camping equipment.

