

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

The Gooder News



Greetings to all from the Land of Enchantment.

We have come to the end of another session of the Overcomer's and all three men who started have completed the program. We wish to convey our thanks to all who have kept us in prayer this session, and ask for continued prayer for the men as they try to put into action that which they learned while with us. We witnessed God working in each of the men in different areas of their lives.

this area and we were privileged to witness the most profound change of the three. Many steps were taken in the restoration of their family. Pray that God gives them the strength and direction to continue the journey.

Nelson came to us from the streets. He had been on his own for nearly three years

and had always relied upon himself. It took him nearly the entire three months to grasp the concept that we are not created to go through life alone. Pray that he allows God to continue the work that was begun here, and that he will accept help from those whom God sends to him.



us. Deep in his heart he has a desire to help others with the same problem as his. He came to us with many different issues that needed to be addressed. We were able to help him with many of them but he still has some that he needs to take care of before he can be a help to others. Pray that God will guide him through and that he will stick to the course.

It has been an interesting journey with these three men and we have enjoyed the time God gave us with them. We saw a good work that God began in all of them and we hold on to His promise that He will finish what He began.

HELP

One of our Home Living Coordinator couples that was scheduled for our Spring session has had to release themselves due to health problems. Please keep them in your prayers as they decide the best direction to take in this area. We also are now in need of another couple willing to come out and help John & Eva Brubaker for the spring session. If you would like to come, or know anyone who would be able to come, please contact us as soon as possible. Pray for us as we search for another couple.



Lorin came to us with a great deal of anger and God was able to deal with him in



Brandon was the most traditional of the three God brought to

Bulletin Board

We are so very thankful for the hard work of our dear friend, Ernie Francisco. Through his contacts, we have been temporarily put into the San Juan County budget. This enabled us to receive Ten Thousand dollars toward the funding of our ministry with the men. We are praying that this becomes a regular part of the budget every year. This was such a blessing to us, particularly

since funding through the Navajo Tribe is no longer available for the men in our Program. When they entered our Program, they were signed up for General Assistance through the tribe. This helped them to pay their tuition, and give them a little extra for themselves. We only charge the men \$800.00 per man per session, and the loss of this has hurt them as well as us. Most of them are not able to pay the tuition, and so we have had quite a few come through our

Program without receiving any money toward tuition. Please pray that we are able to get the GA reinstated for these men, for their own welfare as well as our Program. Pray that God will open the doors needed to help these men find the money they need to pay for their tuition. Pray that we are able to make to contacts necessary to help these men financially.

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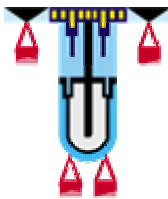
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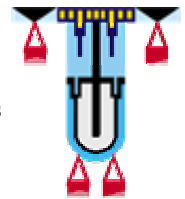
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Home living coordinators needed

We are in need of two couples 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.



Yoder Family News



God is so good in all He does in our lives. We continually see His hand at work in so many ways, and we thank and praise Him. It has been a busy fall that seems to have gone by way to fast. We sadly said good-bye to Ed and Nettie, but know they were glad to get back home to family and friends. While they were here, Ed suggested that Josh go to Indiana at Christmas and go with the Nappanee youth to Washington DC to attend Youth Quest. We told him it would be his responsibility to make the arrangements and raise the money needed for this trip. Thank you to all who have supported him in this venture, as he has raised the money and will be able to go. We will take him to Phoenix to fly in to Indianapolis (a direct flight) and then his Aunt Joan will take him to Chicago to fly back to Albq. (also a direct flight) on Jan. 3. We are taking an extra day to go see the Grand Canyon as we have not been there yet. Kayla gets to stay home with Mom and Dad and adjust to her braces, which she will get put onto her teeth on December 5. We are so excited to have Calvin and Melinda arriving here to spend Thanksgiving with us this year. None of the boys will be able to come out with them, but we will enjoy our time with them for the week. They will be able to enjoy the Thanksgiving lunch that the Nizhoni students cook each year for families, but will have to leave before the Volley Ball Tournament. Nizhoni has a team participating, and Josh will be playing for them. Ralph is busy trying to catch up on all the maintenance work that he could not get to while we were in session with Program. He is also teaching a wood-shop class for the High School boys at Nizhoni. I think I will be working with the girls after Christmas in a Home Economics class. We will also begin the process of sorting and setting up our Christmas Love Gift room. We need to get started, as the time to begin delivering them is right around the corner. While Josh is gone, we will take some time to go be with our good friend Diana in Albuquerque for a little R & R. It's always nice to be able to spend some time with those we love. This has been a hard week for me as I mourn the passing of my Uncle Daniel who has gone home to be with the Lord. My love and prayers are with his family during this time. Thank you all for your prayers and support of the Yoders in New Mexico.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Praises-

We are making new contacts in different areas—judicial, aftercare support for the men, and financial aide. We are starting to see some positive results in several areas.

We so enjoyed having Ed & Nettie Meyer here to help with the session.

God opened some doors for us financially.

We already have 2 men accepted for the spring, any many more applying.

Our staff, old and new.

Prayer requests-

Continued Prayer and financial support.

Pray for Ernie who is diligently working on grants and other areas of financial assistance.

Pray that the men take what they are learning 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. We only have one couple for spring of '09, and we really need another couple to minister to the men and help with the duties the couples take on.

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. 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.

Overcomer Program Needs

We are so excited about what the Port Colborne church is doing for the Overcomers. They are raising money to purchase a new industrial size stove for our kitchen. This will mean that remodeling our existing kitchen is now a must, to make room for this new larger stove. Ralph has already drawn up the plans to accommodate this stove and other improvements that need to be made. If your church, small group, family or any other persons would like to help raise the money to finish all that needs to be done, please let us know. The kitchen will need some major work, and we would like to be able to do it before the spring session begins. This is a major undertaking, but we feel it is possible. If you would like to help us in making our new kitchen a reality, contact us soon. Keep this in your prayers as we move forward. We want to be able to do a quality job in all areas.

