

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

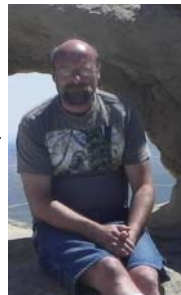
# The Gooder News



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We have once again come to that time of the year and another program has begun here at the Overcomers. God brought to us four men to begin with but one, Chance, has chose to leave and continue on the path he was walking. The three that remained, Howard, Herb, and Max have been a joy getting to know and working with. They have come together very quickly and have shown a sincere desire to change. We are eagerly looking forward to what God has

in store for them. Ken and Anita Abell are still with us and thru the summer they made contact with Tom Garrison of Pa who has joined us for this session. He fits in very well with the men and has volunteered to teach the finance class and share in teach-



ing Creation to Christ. Tom also accompanied Joshua, Ken and I to a Warrior at Heart men's retreat in Colorado the weekend before the program started. We all had an amazing time and are working towards integrating the retreat into the program as a way of helping the men even more.



We are again making plans to take the men to Santa Fe this session to join in on the worship celebration at the Governor's

plaza in the center of town. We have been a part of this for the past several years and are looking forward to this time. Casey Church is trying to gather some dancers to join us as we drum and we also get the spectators involved in dancing their prayers on one of the songs we sing. It is an amazing day of worshiping our Creator in the middle of Santa Fe.



We wish to thank everyone who has supported the Overcomers both financially and thru prayer and to say that God is really beginning to move mountains out here in the desert and as more things develop we will let you know.

May God Bless & keep you  
 Ralph & Bonnie Yoder  
 Program Managers

## Bulletin Board

### Friends of the Overcomers

We want to thank all who have been supporting us financially. The program is primarily funded by individuals who have chosen to come alongside and help us touch the lives of the men that God brings us. Without this support we can not accomplish the task at hand. We cannot fully express the importance and all the blessings we have received from all of you.

Our total donations are still critically below the operating costs of the program. We are seeking a total of 500 individuals who are willing to come alongside and help with just \$10 a month and become a "*Friend of the Overcomers*":

Check out our web site:

[www.bicovercomers.org](http://www.bicovercomers.org)



All of our newsletters will now be on this site along with the ability to donate directly through Paypal.

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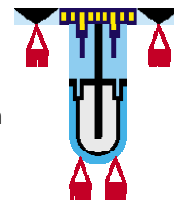
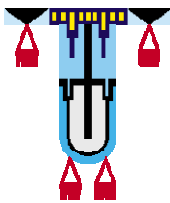
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### Ralph & Bonnie Yoder



### Yoder Family News



This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 We have much to rejoice about as we look back on the year so far. Josh has made a commitment to serving the Lord in full-time ministry here at the Mission, working on reaching the youth in our community. He traveled with us over the summer sharing his heart and testimony with many. Watching how God is working in his life and growing him in his desire to be what God wants him to be has been a real joy. He will be sending out his own newsletter on a regular basis as the ministry grows. He is working with David Sutter, the Mission youth minister, on building solid relationships with the many youth of our community. Kayla is working hard in school this year toward completing her Jr. and Sr. year work by the end of May. She is beginning to realize that adulthood is coming quickly and she needs to make some decisions. She is continuing to mature and grow, helping in so many ways as we balance home, school and work. Ralph, Josh, Ken and Tom were able to attend the Warrior at Heart men's retreat in CO the weekend before program started. This was a much needed time for spiritual renewal, healing and looking forward to the upcoming program. As a side note—Ralph has decided (along with ken) to forgo shaving until the end of program—I wonder which one will have the grayer, fuller beard? I am continuing my classes with DeVry online, working toward my degree in Accounting. We were able to spend time with both of our families this summer across several states. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful support from family and friends. God Bless, The Yoders

## Prayer Requests and Praises

**Praises-** The awesome staff that God continues to bring to us. We could not function well without them.

Our contacts with the Navajo Nation are growing daily. We have been able to contract with them for another year for much needed funding to upgrade and improve many areas of the program as well as the building.

Spreading the news of what God is doing here through articles and doctoral thesis.

Blessings of donated food, clothing and other items for program and the men.

The new group—Convicted by Christ – an accountability group that has become a part of our program and a place for the men to stay connected to after they leave here.

The chance for our male staff members to experience a Warrior at Heart men's retreat right before program started.

**Prayer requests-** We are always looking for Home Living Coordinator couples for all of our session's. Please pray that God would open the heart of the right couples willing to come and share their lives.

Pray for the men whom God has brought to us for this session. Howard, Herbert and Maxwell. Pray that God would become very real to each of them in a personal way while they are here.

That financial avenues will open and stay open with the tribe to assist the men as they struggle to pay for their tuition while here.

Financially the program will be able support itself and make much needed upgrades and improvements.

We continue to have a strong prayer warrior support for all that happens here with the men, staff and program.

Continued continuity and cohesiveness of our staff during programs as well as in-between programs.

The men would always be able to see Christ in each and every one of us.

## Overcomer Program Needs

Again, we wish to thank all of you who have supported the program financially and through prayer. We bring to all some pressing needs that have arisen over the past year.

1. The program has seen a decline in financial support running at a \$4000 deficit last year. We are looking for additional supporters who would be willing to come along side and help.
2. We are in need of newer seating for our all purpose room as well as our DMI room downstairs.
3. Better quality camping equipment/gear for our annual camping trip. Something that will last more than one or two trips.
4. Partial tuition scholarships for clients who have no resources or family to help.

