

BJC Overcomers

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



Greetings from the high desert in New Mexico.

We have begun another session here at the Overcomers and God has brought us a new group of men, Lambert, Robert, Eli, Jeff, and Josh. It has been an interesting first

week getting to know them and we eagerly anticipate what God has in store for all of us in the coming months. The five men have come together quickly and all have an openness and genuine desire to make life changes.

As with most of the guys that come through the program these men come to us with plenty of baggage broken promises and lies from the enemy. With God's help we will address all that and show them they are so much more and that God has a purpose and a place for each.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer 29:11

The task laid before us is immense and sometimes seems insurmountable but together and with God's intervention we will be victorious. *"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31*

Thanks & God Bless

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Eph 6:12 We continue to move forward with the vision that God has laid out before us and as we push against the darkness the darkness continues to push back. This year has been a financial struggle but God has always come through sometimes in the eleventh hour. He continues to teach us what it means to live on our daily bread. *"Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread." Proverbs 30:8*

One of the many praises we have to share has to do with the process of recertifying our 501©3. Normally dealing with the gov't is a lengthy process but with God's intervention that process was unusually short(79 days from mailing). We are now under our own tax-exempt status listed as a public charity doing a public service. This opens us up now to seek funding through corporate grants.

That brings us to the next praise, Bonnie's cousin Karen has offered her help in searching and writing grants for us. This a lengthy and sometimes difficult process and we ask for your continued prayers for God's provision as we will need corporate sponsorship to get a recovery ranch up and running. This all will give us the opportunity to

work with more men and walk longer with them in the recovery process.

One final praise has to do with a transition house. Brian Meyers and the Convicted By Christ men's group are in the later stages of getting a place up and running. This will give men who have no where to go a place to stay and further that time of walking with them through the recovery process.

There are not enough words to express our thanks for all who support us, the Overcomers and the vision before us and we petition that continual financial support as we go forward.

Yoder Family News

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12 We had such a wonderful summer with some down time along with the daily Overcomers needs between programs. Our cousins from Indiana came to stay with us for a few days during their western journey with their Harleys. We had the wonderful opportunity to once again attend Wiconi Family Camp in Turner OR at the end of July.

We of course took the opportunity to spend some precious time with our family before hand. We stopped at cousins Jim and Karen Smucker Shelly in ID before heading to WA for time with our children and grandsons. Ashli, Joey & Kayla flew into Seattle to spend a couple of days with us at Josh, Abby, and Paul. What a joy it was to have everyone together, except Frank who could not take off of work. Baking cookies with Joey, snuggling little Paul, and just being together as a family. This does not happen often as we are all spread out across the country. We rely on technology to help keep us connected with each other and particularly with our grandsons. We have such a rich heritage of family beyond our immediate family, and I love being able to spend time with and renew those relationships at every opportunity. We are hoping to be able to get back to PA and IN this winter to visit with family, friends, and supporters. We are always dependent of the Lord's direction when it comes to our time of travel and sharing across the country. We are so very blessed with the amazing network of prayer and financial supporters across the country. We are so grateful for all that you do for us and the Overcomers ministry.

Thank you so much. God Bless, Ralph and Bonnie

Prayer Requests and Praises

Praises- The awesome staff (both full time and volunteer) that God continues to bring to us. We could not function well without them.

We continue to see growth, despite set-backs, of the men just graduated as well as men who have been out of our Program for a while.

We are so very excited for the vision and path opening up before us for the future of the Overcomers. The vision is large and at times seems overwhelming, but we have a God who is bigger than we can imagine.

The 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.

For Jason Oberholser and Jabek Ranch who are such a large part of what we do here as well as a large part of the vision opening up before us.

We have our new 501c3 in what seems like record time, but we know is in Gods timing.

Prayer requests- We are always looking ahead for couples willing to come see lives changed. We do not have anyone committed for the year 2017.

Pray for Robert, Lambert, Josh, Eli, and Jeff as they become immersed in what God has prepared for them while here.

That financial avenues will open up for the Program in the future as we walk forward into the vision opening up before us.

Financially the program will be able to support itself as well as things that will happen in the future.

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.

That our grant writer would be able to access appropriate grants for the Overcomers. That God would guide and direct her as she searches for possible grants.

Finances to repair our program refrigerator.

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