

BIC Overcomers

*"CHRIST, THE UNIQUE OVERCOMER,
DWELLS WITHIN TO MAKE US MORE THAN OVERCOMERS"*



Greetings from the high desert.

We have begun another session here at the Overcomers and as always God has brought to us the men He has chosen for this time. We began the search process with 15 applications and when the smoke settled we had three men Matt, Nate, & Ryan. We have always believed that the ones here are the ones God wants here and our focus over the next three months is to sojourn with them and pour out all we have and let them

decide the path they wish to choose. Keep these three in your prayers as we move forward in this journey.

We were blessed also to have Bob & Bonnie Sawyer visit from Kansas and Bob shared his amazing story with the men around the drum.

They had to leave before they wanted but they were a blessing to us and the men. They have talked about coming back and we hope that it comes to pass.



We also have already had the opportunity to get out and do some community work these first couple of weeks and the guys have enjoyed the

time out and away from the building. We cut and loaded wood for an elderly lady and then unloaded it a couple of days later just south of the program. The men have adjusted very well to their new surroundings and we are hopeful for what lies ahead.



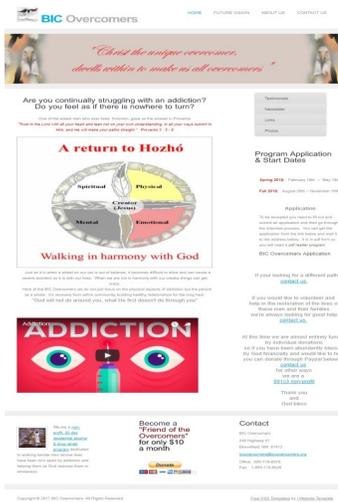
Again we cannot express our thanks enough for all the prayers and financial support of all of you.

May God Abundantly bless all
Overcomers Staff

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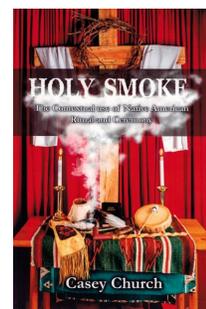
With the expanded vision and direction God has sent us on their was the sense we needed to revamp our website. There has been a complete overhaul of the

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website and we invite all to visit and let us know what you think. It still has a little work to be done but there are many new aspects on the site. Pictures have been added and they will be changed from time to time. Many outside links have been added to other ministries we partner with and encourage you all to visit them as well and give them your support. An outline of the future vision can be viewed on its own page and you are more than welcome to print it off to share with others. There is also a page for

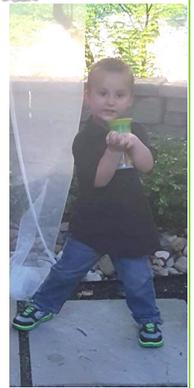
testimonials of past volunteers and graduates. On that page is also a link to the book written by Dr. Casey Church, a member of our board, that has a chapter dedicated to the program.



Yoder Family News



For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 We were so blessed to be able to spend 2 weeks with Josh, Abby, & little Paul (top left, 17 mo.) in July. We are so looking forward to having time with Frank, Ashli, Joey (top right, 3 in Nov) and Kayla at Christmas this year. The joy our children and grandsons bring to our lives is immeasurable. It was a wonderful summer starting with a week of work, ministry, fun & fellowship with the mission team from Nappanee. They replaced flooring in the Overcomers building, a lot of other small projects, a sports camp outreach with Broken Walls Fellowship, and some



sightseeing trips. Spending time with our Nappanee family is always a blessing and encouragement to us. We were able to attend Wiconi family camp again this year (Josh, Abby & Paul went along), learning, growing, and assisting with the Powwow. We are planning our ministry trip east after graduation in November. I know we will be in the Hershey PA area the week of December 11th, on to IN over Christmas, and into IA the first of January. Our schedule beyond that is open at this point and available for anyone who would like to have us come share or visit. We are so blessed to be able to visit with so many of our family and friends each year as we travel sharing about what God is doing here at the Overcomers. Your amazing support of the ministry here as well as our family means more to us than we would ever be able to express in words. We are truly blessed by having you all in our lives. Ralph & 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.

Knowing, feeling and seeing the presence of God every day in our lives as well as the lives of the men who are here as clients.

God continues to provide our daily bread as we walk this faith journey laid out before us.

Joan has agreed to work on grant writing.

Prayer requests- We are always looking ahead for couples willing to come see lives changed. We have no one committed for the year 2018.

Pray for Ryan, Matt, & Nate, 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. As Joan begins grant searches and writing that we would be able to find and attain funding.

Financially the program will be able 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.

Keep us in prayer as we continue to seek His direction as we move forward into the vision being opened up.

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