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

# The Gooder News

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

It is that time of year again and we have begun our spring session of the Overcomers. God has brought us a wonderful group



of five men Clyde, Anson, Frederick, Anthony, and Benjamin. We already had our first sweat with the men and there was some amazing healing in the very first week so we are eager to see what God has in store for the remainder of the journey. The group came together quickly and we are looking forward to getting to know them better and walking with them the next three months.

God has also brought us a

second couple to fill the Home Living Coordinator. Garry & Becky Gaspard had been a part of the mission for a while and had gone back east to be with family and have now returned to help us with this group. The Abells, Ken & Anita, continue to be a vital part of the program as we venture forth in this program. We ask that you keep both couples in prayer that the men will experience through them what unconditional love looks like. The couples are an integral part to the success of the program and to each of the

We have been able to remodel our kitchen this winter

men.



thanks to the tribe rewarding us

with a grant. We have also been able to purchase a new minivan to transport clients and do the grocery shopping for the program. God has

been awesome in His provisions for us through the past year. God continues to open doors with the Tribe and the community as we move forward to improve the program and give the men a better chance at success. The one area we need prayer in is transitional housing. We have several denials because the men have nowhere to go after the program. We ask that you keep this as a continual prayer request as it is greatly needed.

We again want to thank all who have supported us and the program both financially and with prayers.

May God bless you and keep you

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

**Program Managers** 



## 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.

We are seeking a total of 500 individuals who are willing to come alongside and help with just \$10 a month and become a

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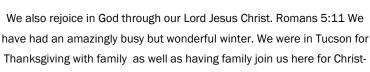
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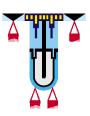
#### Ralph & Bonnie Yoder





#### **Yoder Family News**





mas. Josh flew to WA for two weeks to work with one of the nations largest Christian Native Youth ministries, Mending Wings. His growth, maturity, and understanding of contextual ministry. He will be going back up for 3 weeks at the end of March, looking at possibly doing an internship with them in preparation for a contextual youth ministry in our area in the future. He has also become part of the Overcomers staff, working with Ken Abell and Ralph as they build relationships with the men, living out their faith each and every day. Kayla is working hard at her school work with the goal of college after her Sr. year. Hard to believe she has been a licensed driver for almost a year now and ready to get her non-restricted license. Our house seems to be a constant hub of activity with lots of coming and going, which is OK as I really enjoy their friends and the kids in our community. Ralph did an absolutely amazing job of renovating the Overcomers kitchen with the help of other volunteers. I am still taking classes online in the journey toward my associates degree in Accounting. We will be traveling to San Diego in April for our nephew Austin Yoder-Anglemyer's graduation from Marine boot camp. Looking forward to celebrating with him, his mother, and other loved ones. Ralph and I will celebrate 21 years of marriage, Josh will turn 20, and Kayla will be 17—all in the month of April. We are so blessed with love and support from all of you. Ralph and Bonnie

### **Prayer Requests and Praises**

Praises- The awesome staff that God continues to bring to us. We could not function well without them. Becky & Garry Gaspard who have joined us this session as Home Living Coordinators

The funds from the Navajo Nation that we were able to use to renovate our kitchen and make many other necessary upgrades and improvements.

New supporters of the ministry here have come along side financially and as prayer warriors.

Blessings of donated food, clothing and other items for program and the men. We were able to start program with very full freezers.

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.

Prayer requests- We are still in need of one Home Living Coordinator couple for our fall session. Please pray that God would open the heart of the right couple willing to come and share their lives.

Pray for Clyde, Anson, Frederick, Benji, and Anthony as they begin classes. Open their hearts and minds to all that God would have them learn while here.

That financial avenues will 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 inbetween 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.

- While our support has increased some, we are looking for additional supporters who would be willing to come along side and help.
- Our flooring throughout the top level of the building is in need of replacement.
- Better quality camping equipment/gear for our annual camping trip. Something that will last more than one or two trips.
- Partial tuition scholarships for clients who have no resources or family to help as well as financial help to take them on a men's retreat.