

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

# The Gooder News



Greetings from the high desert in New Mexico.

We have begun another session here at the Overcomers and God has brought to us five men, (Darrell, Carlton, Ryan, Adrian, and Eric). We have had a wonderful first couple of weeks getting to know each one and are looking forward to what God has in store for them. They have done an amazing job of quickly coming together and working as a unit.

Ken and Anita Abell are still with us as the Home Living Coordinators and we have brought back

one of our past graduates, Anthony, to help in the kitchen. A continued walk with past graduates is a goal for us in the hopes of eventually raising Native American leadership and one day have them running the program. We are also looking into eventually duplicating the program in other areas. God has done some amazing things over the past year and we faithfully continue to walk the path He has laid out before us.



they enjoyed themselves. It was definitely a learning experience for Bonnie and me but everyone involved was very helpful. We are hoping to make this an annual gathering to start off each Overcomers year.

We wish to convey our thanks to everyone who has faithfully supported us and the program. God has expanded the vision for the program and has put in place many different people to help as we move forward on the next leg of the journey. We ask that you keep all of us in your prayers as we take the steps necessary to carry out what God has asked us to do.

May God bless you & keep you.

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder  
Program Managers



We also had our first Overcomers Sobriety Powwow in January. We had a good turnout for our first time and everyone said

## 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.

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":



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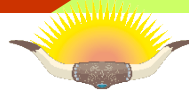
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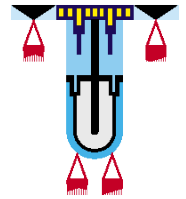
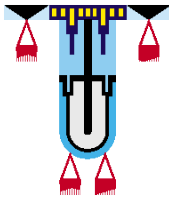
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### Ralph & Bonnie Yoder



### Yoder Family News



Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23 We have seen first hand His faithfulness in so many ways recently and are so very grateful for His care. Ralph and I are almost empty nesters with the exception of our dear friend's daughter who is with us until she starts at UNM in the fall. Josh is settled in Yakima, WA working on his internship with Mending Wings and working part time at Sears. Kayla is living in Indiana with her Aunt Joan and soon some good friends, while she provides child care for our grandson as well as another family in the area. She is also taking classes on-line with Liberty University toward a degree in Psychology. Ashli has gone back to work, leaving Joey in the capable hands of Kayla, but would dearly love to be a stay at home Mom. They both keep us updated with photos and phone calls as he grows and changes. I will be making a trip up to see them at the end of May, but Ralph will not be able to go along. Due to the many changes in the ministry coming up, we are not at this time planning on any summer travels. This is always subject to change depending on how God directs our paths as we go. While we have seen things tighten up financially for the Program we have also seen the hand of God provide in so many ways. We are so blessed with all of you who support our family and the ministry of the Overcomers. Because of you and your continued support we are able to continue to follow the path laid out before us.

Thank you, 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.

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.

**Prayer requests-** We are always looking ahead for couples willing to come see lives changed. We have a couple for the fall but have no one committed for the year 2016.

Pray for Ryan, Darrell, Eric, Carlton, and Adrian 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 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.

## 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. We are looking for additional supporters who would be willing to come along side and help. Donations may be made directly through our web-site with PayPal.
2. Practical needs for classroom and educational supplies.
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.
5. Items for the check-in gift duffle bags given to each man on day one.

