

BIC Overcomers

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



Greetings from the high desert

We have begun another session here at the Overcomers. God has brought to us five men to start this session Matt, Steven, Reynaldo, Larry, and Andrew. A lot has happened these first two weeks as the men immediately began to work together as a unit. We had the opportunity to involve the men in a community service project with the Kirtland

irrigation ditch. The men enjoyed the week and we were able to clear nearly a half mile of the ditch for them.



As we said before we began with five men but, as it happens sometimes, one of the men made the choice to withdraw from the program. We teach the men from the start that we are a culmination

of our choices, good or bad, and Reynaldo chose to leave and face whatever consequences lie ahead. We hope and pray that he will find what he is looking for.

We wish to continue to convey our thanks and gratitude to all our supporters and ask that you continue to keep all of us in your prayers.

Thanks and God Bless

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder

Program Directors

God has also brought to us a second couple to help out as Home Living Coordinators, Dave and Deb Bernhardt. They come to us from Pennsylvania. It has been a joy getting



to know them and to watch them bond with the men. We look forward to journeying

with them these next three months.

Vision Update

As we seek to be faithful to the path God has laid out before us we want to keep all of you informed and updated to the vision that is before us.

We have formed our new leadership board and our next step is dealing with the issues of recertifying our tax-exempt status with the federal gov't. This part of the process requires us to seek the assistance of a lawyer and an accountant familiar with the ins and outs of this process. We are presently in the process of

raising the necessary funds, approximately \$2000, needed for this next step. We ask that you submit this need to prayer and if God lays it on your heart to help in this area any and all support will be greatly appreciated.

Another aspect of this vision is to eventually have a site where we can increase the program to a year long and create a recovery ranch. The God we serve is bigger than anything we can imagine and He has brought before us a possibility of such a place. There is a parcel of land between Kirtland and Farming-

ton where the potential for the fulfillment of the vision is endless. We are currently researching all the issues behind it and ask for your continued prayers on this.



Yoder Family News

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Psalm 105:1

We had a very busy December with the opportunity to travel east and share with our supporters about the vision God is opening for the Overcomers. This also gave us wonderful times with family and friends along the way. God blessed us greatly with beautiful warm weather, low gas prices, and safety as we traveled. We were able to spend a week with Mom in PA, and Christmas with our daughters and grandson. Ashli, Frank, and Joey are all doing well, working and growing as a family. Grandpa and Joey were able to spend some time together, being amused by each other. Kayla got her first apartment right before we arrived, and we were able to help her get settled in and ready to be on her own. Ralph's sister Joan (who lives in CA) was visiting in IN, and we were blessed to be able to bring her back with us to NM. In the middle of January we had a wonderful family time for a couple of days. Joan was with us, Kayla flew in from IN, and Josh and Abby flew in from WA. We were able to get to know our beautiful daughter-in-law while spending quality family time together. We took them all back to the airport on the same day, saying goodbye to each at different times as they left for home. Josh and Abby invited me to come up to WA after Paul is born. I am very honored and excited to go spend some time with them, and of course hold little Paul. Ralph will not get to go along as we will still be in Program—but Grammy gets to go :) He will be able to see him this summer when we travel north for the Wiconi Family Camp at the end of July. We are so blessed and thankful for you all. God Bless, 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 doors are still open for a piece of property that could accommodate all that is being opened up for the Overcomers.

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 are still in need of a couple for our fall session of this year.

Pray for Drew, Reynaldo, Harvey (Larry), Steven, and Matt 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 continue 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.

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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