

# BJC Overcomers

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



Greetings to all.

We have begun another session here in the high desert of New Mexico. God has brought to us five men, Armando, Chris, Drew, Fred, & Heath. Through the first week of adjustment they have all began to work together and we are looking forward to the changes God has in store for them.



We've already gone out and done some community service with the guys and they enjoyed the time out and opportunity to help. We partnered with Jabek Ranch to deliver twenty cords of wood to the Shiprock Chapter House, to give out to the local community. By the time we finished unloading the last of the wood there was approximately 75 to 80 vehicles in line. It gave the men the opportunity to receive the blessing of doing good for someone else. This again is another aspect of the extended vision for the program and the men God brings to us.

We continue to be blessed with the many differ-

ent volunteers that God sends to us to fulfill our task and this session is no different. My sister Joan has come to help Anita in the kitchen and build relationships with the men. Without the volunteers that come we could not accomplish the task laid before us.

We have also registered with AmazonSmile. For any who shop through Amazon, by going through AmazonSmile they donate 0.5% of the overall price to the Overcomers, at no extra cost to you. Here is the link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-1257214>

Thank You & God Bless

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder



## Bulletin Board

God continues to direct us forward in the vision He has laid before us. As we have mention in our previous newsletter we were successful in our 501©3 recertification and again wish to offer our thanks to all your prayers. The next step that we are looking into for the overall integrity of the program is to become state accredited which will open us up for more possible grants from different organizations allowing us to do even more for the men God brings to us. We ask

for your prayers that God will open the proper doors and we have the where-with-all to walk through them.

Another exciting aspect of this journey, in partnership with Jabek Ranch, is the planting of a new church, **Broken Walls Fellowship**. God brought this part of the vision together very quickly and we are excited to see where He takes us on this. We are in the fourth week of this adventure



and the response from those who have attended has been very positive. As the name suggests we are seeking to bring down the walls that not only separate us from God but from each other and, God willing, we will succeed. Thank you all for you continued prayers in this endeavor.



# Poder Family News

I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments. Psalm 119:7 As I look back on the last 3 or so months, I am filled with awe and wonder at how God has not only had His hand of protection on us but how He taught and grew up spiritually. We left here shortly after Thanksgiving for some R&R in Gatlinburg TN that was gifted to us. We were caught up in and separated by the fires that broke out, but God had His hand of protection on us. We were able to get back to each other, and after realizing it would be a while before we could get our belongings back, continued on our journey. We eventually were reunited with our luggage at Ralph's parents house in Goshen. His presence was so very real and close as we traveled and shared about the Overcomers ministry for the next 5+ weeks, opening new contacts in ways that we would never have imagined. We learned that we do not really need very much to live, though I was very happy to see our luggage. We were able to spend time with family and friends along the way, which is always such a blessing and encouragement to us. Spending Christmas with Ashli, Frank, Joey, Kayla and Ralph's parents was wonderful and precious. We were able to take care of Joey (who is now 2) for a day while Ashli was at work—we were worn out :D In early February I was able to fly to CA to help Ralph's sister Joan pack up her belongings and move to New Mexico where she has become a part of our Overcomers staff. She has felt at home since she got here and is a tremendous help and blessing to what God is doing here with the Overcomers. I am able to video call my two adorable grandson's on a fairly regular basis, which really helps this Grammy who is so far away from them both. We are so very thankful for each of you as you support us and the Overcomers ministry in so many ways. 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 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.

The launch of Broken Walls Fellowship has been amazing and the feedback very positive.

God's hand of protection in so very many ways and circumstances.

**Prayer requests-** We are always looking ahead for couples willing to come see lives changed. We are in need of a couple for our fall 2017 session.

Pray for Chris, Heath, Mando, Drew & Fred 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. Avenues will open through the tribe to help our men with their tuition.

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.

Pray for Erick who opted to leave, that he would find the help he needs.

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