

BIC Overcomers

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



Greetings from the high desert

The next session of the Overcomers has begun and it was a bit of a rocky start for all involved. God originally brought us five men Rollin, Preston, Jerald, Joshua, & Will. Things seemed to be going well until Will decided to leave through the night on Saturday and the next morning there were issues with Joshua that we were unable and he was unwilling to resolve so he voluntarily withdrew. Continue to keep these two in your prayers that God brings someone into their paths who can

Speak into their lives and bring needed change. The other three men have come together very well as a unit and we are eager to witness the changes God brings forth as we walk beside them these next few months and pray that they remain open to His guiding spirit.

We have already had the opportunity to get out in the community and do some work this session. Jason Oberholser lined up a job with a gentlemen in Waterflow who needed help in clearing brush and trees, the men enjoyed a day of wood cutting. While we were working Jerald mentioned that his wife, who is disabled, was in need of wood so we were able to drop off a cord of

wood to make it through the rest of the winter. Jerald was very grateful and the men enjoyed the opportunity to give to someone in need.

We have been invited to drum at a benefit for the cousin of one of our past graduates, Harvee. His cousin is part of a high school group going overseas to represent the Navajo Nation. The men are excited and it also gives us the opportunity to continue building relationships with the community. The men are also looking forward to the camping trip we do each spring session when Dave Sommers comes out from Pa.

We thank you for all your support.

May God bless you and keep you,

The Overcomers



Bulletin Board

We continued to have issues with the refrigerator that we originally purchased when we remodeled the kitchen and we weren't sure of what we were going to do to begin the program. We were blessed by a wonderful lady from Iowa. Ann



following an urging from God gave us a call to find out if we had any needs. A week before the program started she donated the funds necessary for us to purchase a new refrigerator. God is good.

We are also being blessed this fall by a group of men from the Encounter BIC Church from Palmyra, Pa. They wish to come out not only to build relationships with the men we will have that session, but also to do work projects that will help us to better serve the men God brings to us. We are looking to raise the funds necessary to purchase the materials to finish each project.



We would like to be able to finish off the sweat lodge that we began a couple of years ago, insulate and cover inside walls and metal roof. We'd



barrier and pea gravel for the outside patio area and redo the fire pit. Fence and sun shade for patio.

There are also some other minor repairs that we would like to accomplish.



The total cost for all the project materials is approximately \$2500. We would be thankful beyond measure to any and all who feel led to give towards this project.

Thank you and God bless.

Yoder Family News

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God, Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Psalm 143:10 We were able to travel back east during December into January. It is always good to be able to connect with those who have supported us for many years as well as making new connections. Visiting with family along the way is always an added blessing as this is often the only time we are able to see them. Of course, getting to spend time with our eldest grandson was the highlight of our trip. Joey is 3 and growing up so very fast. His parents, Ashli and Frank, are both keeping very busy with work and renovations on the home they are buying in Three Rivers MI. Kayla lives in Elkhart IN but works in Goshen IN. They all experienced intense flooding just recently that put Goshen on a state of emergency and has done incredible damage to the communities in which they live. The flood waters have receded but clean-up is far from over. Josh, Abby & Paul are doing well in Yakima WA keeping busy with work and raising a soon to be 2 year old. Thanks to technology it is much easier these days to visit with our grandsons and family than it was when our children were growing up. Kayla and Dustin plan on coming down for a visit this summer so that we can get to know Dustin. It will be wonderful to have Kayla back home for little while and we are looking forward to getting to know the man who has become very important to her. Ralph has had some ongoing problems with his back from the damage that was done many years ago, but has gotten some relief. We will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this year, with hopefully a small get-a-way for us. We are so very blessed by all of you who have faithfully supported our family and the ministry here over the past 12 1/2 years we have been here. Thank you so much, from the bottom of our hearts. 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 are excited to have Chris & Sue Gray join us on a full-time basis. They have been an integral part of our program on a part-time basis, and so are now able to join us full time.

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 for couples, individuals, and teams to come alongside of us for a day, a week, or a session to pour into the lives of the men who come to the Overcomers.

Pray for Rollin, Preston, and Jerald as they become immersed in what God has prepared for them while here. Keep Josh and Will in prayer even as they have chosen to leave our facility.

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 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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