

BIC Overcomers

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



Greetings from the Overcomers.

We have begun our Spring session and God has brought us six men; Chris, Theran, Ozzy, Myron, Lemuel, and Zachary. We're thru our first week of this session and the men have come together amazingly and they all seem ready and open to change. We've already had some wonderful

times of discussion around the drum which tends to not happen until later in the program. We thank God that these men came with hearts prepared to experience something different. We, the staff, are eagerly looking forward to the next several months to see what God has in store for them and the changes that will happen.

We want to welcome Greg & Linda Burns. They have come to us from Pa. to volunteer as the second Home Living Coordinators. Greg is teaching the Creation to Christ course and



has already expressed how much he enjoys the time with the men and hearing their stories. Linda has jumped right in and is helping Anita in the kitchen. They have both settled in and connected with the men very well.

We are again looking forward to hosting a couple of groups during this session, one from the Encounter Church and the other from Martinsburg, both are in Pa. The men enjoy the time of the work projects and camping while forming new relationships

Thank you all for your wonderful support

The Overcomers



A Pressing Need

This is our workhorse vehicle. We use it to transport our clients to work projects, church, and other events. The transmission needs to be replaced and the cost is estimated to be approximately \$3500. At this time we have raised nearly \$2500 and are in need of approximately \$1000 more to cover the costs. We are prayerfully seeking any and all

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who would like to donate to this need. This is an urgent need as we are currently using three vehicles to transport everyone at this time.

Thank you and God bless.

Client Updates



Matt came thru the program in the fall of '17. He was sent downstate to serve time on previous charges. He has accepted Christ, been baptized and is now leading a



men's group there. Since beginning the group his pod has become the model of the institution.

Ryan graduated this past fall. He is still dealing with some of the consequences of his past but he has taken responsibilities for his actions and trying to make amends. He is presently attending San Juan College attempting to get his second degree with the hope of becoming an addiction counselor.

Yoder Family News

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22 We want to give all honor, glory and praise to our Father in heaven for His amazing blessings and provisions. A little over 2 years ago our youngest daughter Kayla felt God asking her to buy her parents a vehicle to replace (what she called a death trap) our Mercury that had well over 350,000 miles on it. She has faithfully been paying on 2 vehicle since that time, blessing us beyond words. In January our Nappanee church family continued her blessing beyond measure and payed off the vehicle in full. That has started an avalanche of blessings that seems to just keep going. We can never express our gratitude enough for all that has been done for us and how God has provided above and beyond. Our winter months were full of ups and downs, one being loosing our long time companion Boomer to old age. We were able to make a very unexpected and short trip to IN, where of course spending time with our oldest grandson Joey, and yes our daughter's Ashli and Kayla, was a highlight. While on our way north, my Uncle Ira went home to be with the Lord, and so we were able to go home through IA to be with family for his funeral. While in IA we stayed with dear friends who are also involved in ministry with the Mesquakie tribe, sharing their joys, triumphs, and concerns. There was some very unpleasant weather in IN and IA, but God gave us wonderful traveling mercies and weather. Despite my getting sick on the trip home it was a wonderful journey with so many blessings along the way. We are looking forward to our summer as we will be traveling and speaking, but really looking forward to having all of our family together for a week in June. Thank you all for your faithful and unconditional support of Ralph and I as well as the Overcomers ministry, we could not carry on without each one of you.

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.

For the funds so far to replace our Suburban transmission. God is always faithful in supplying our needs.

Prayer requests- We are always looking ahead for couples willing to come see lives changed. We still need a couple for the fall but of this year.

Keep Myron, Ozzy, Theran, Zachary, Lemuel, and Christopher in prayer as they become immersed in what God has prepared for them while here.

Pray for Ryan, Preston, Frank, Alec & Larry as they continue their walk away from us, as well as Jacob despite his decision to leave.

That financial avenues will open up for the Program in the future as we walk forward into the vision opening up before us.

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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