

BIC Overcomers

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

The Greatest Commandment

" Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10 : 27

Greetings from the high desert of New Mexico.

To begin with , we would like to convey our thanks and gratitude for all the support we have received. It has been a blessing as we continue to wait on God, although sometimes impatiently, to open the next door for us to walk thru. We withdrew our offer on the ranch we were looking at, as we have not reached the \$200,000 threshold we set. We feel this will be the property, and God continues to send us confirmations of that. The owner would like to see us get it and is willing to work with us. Presently we are at \$137,000. We will be on the road April & May fundraising and fully expect God to provide the rest we need.

God has recently laid upon my heart the passage above and also the story of the good Samaritan. It is told thru the eyes of the man who was beaten and left for dead. I feel this truly explains what is behind the vision for Hope & Redemption Ranch. Pastor Keith Tyson gave me the title.

The Dude in the Ditch

There was a certain man who lived in Jericho. For a multitude of reasons he had become an outcast of society. Wanting to change and desiring help he went to Jerusalem to visit the temple. After being turned away the man decides to return home, alone and

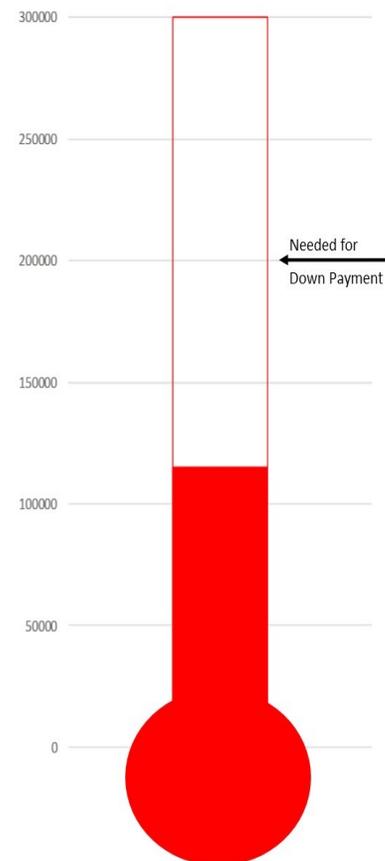
dejected. While on the road back to Jericho the man is set upon by a band of thugs looking for an easy score. Not finding anything of value the thugs leave him in the ditch broken, bloodied and near death.

Unable to focus clearly or cry out, due to the beating, he can only see the blurry images of people passing by. Many purposefully avoiding him by walking to the other side of the road. With his strength fading and feelings of despair, hopelessness and that no one cares he closes his eyes and silently asks God to let him die. Suddenly he feels the warm touch of a hand. Lacking strength he doesn't resist and drifts off. Upon regaining consciousness he finds himself in bed with his wounds bandaged and clean clothes beside the bed. The only answers he could get from those tending to him was he would have to wait until the man who brought him here returns. A few days later he hears a commotion outside his room and moments later a Samaritan man walks thru the door. Even though he was full of questions the only one he could get out was, why? The Samaritan man looks at him and says, "You are where I once was and I was compelled to show you the grace I was shown that restored my hope."

This is what we see the ranch being: those who have been— helping those who are—with Jesus at the center.

Thank for your support & prayers

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Yoder Family News

We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!...Psalm 75:1 We truly have so very much to be thankful for in all areas of our lives. Last fall we made the decision that it was time for Mom to have someone in the house with her, for her well being. I was able to drive to Mom's in mid-October to be with her until we were able to move her to Darrell's house in January. While being apart from Ralph for 3 1/2 months was not ideal, God was gracious and gave us all we needed to be able to handle it. Mom is now well settled into her new home and continues to thrive. I was more than happy to arrive home to Ralph and our home, as well as the sunny blue skies of New Mexico. Our daughter Ashli and her husband Frank have had to deal with some health issues that are ongoing. Please keep them in prayer. Joey is doing well and excelling with his reading and other areas of education. Shaun keeps Ashli busy during the day with his 2 year old antics. Josh has begun a new job with Terminex, learning the pest/termite business. This has been an answer to prayer for a full time job with benefits. Abby continues her work at a local eatery—Good Vibes—enjoying her regular customers and co-workers. Paul is thriving in Kindergarten, enjoying his activities and new friends. Kayla and Jody are awaiting the arrival of Arya Violet Gage with much anticipation, and probably a little trepidation to. Kayla has had a bit of a rough pregnancy, with a couple of scares along the way. We will be able to combine our ministry trip with spending time with Miss Arya, Kayla and Jody. We are looking forward to the addition to our family, having a granddaughter along with our handsome grandsons. We thank you all so much for your continued faithful and amazing support of Ralph & I, our family and the Overcomers ministry. We are truly blessed and give thanks for you all. God Bless, Ralph and Bonnie

Prayer Requests and Praises

Praises- God's faithfulness in every area of our lives and ministry.

We have the most supportive, encouraging BOD. They are always there for us when we need them, keeping us on track and grounded.

Nate, Ryan, Preston, and Matt are such a beacon of encouragement to us and others as they walk out every day their journey in sobriety and service to our Lord and Savior.

Safety for Bonnie as she traveled to and from PA. Strength, peace and joy as she helped her Mom.

Hope & Redemption Ranch has been a long journey. From the vision to where we are now. God has remained faithful and true as He has provided what we need to where we are. We know it will be a reality and are excited to see how it all comes together. What a journey it is, with His guidance, love and encouragement.

Prayer requests- We have been contacted by several former clients who are really struggling, asking for help, feeling hopeless. Please pray for them as well as giving us wisdom and discernment in how best to help them. Our resources are a bit limited, but will open up once we are on the Ranch.

Pray for Nate as he is carrying a full-load this semester. Help him to balance that with also working part-time. God so very definitely threw the doors wide open for him to return full time this semester.

Matt as he continues with BHH, fulfilling all the requirements. Waiting to join us on the Ranch when it happens.

Preston as he finished classes and graduates. Looking toward maybe another degree.

Ryan as he continues in his career.

Please keep us in prayer as we finalize our ministry trip plans. Finances for this trip, traveling mercies, positive contacts, necessary funds raised.

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