

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

# The Gooder News

*"Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead. . . "*  
*Php 3:13*



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We have come to the end of another Overcomers session and we have sent five men, Mike, Justin, Michael, Dylan, and Randy out on the next part of their journey to sobriety. We have to say again how wonderful it was to watch God work through the lives of these men and the changes that were evident in each. We even had the honor of sharing in the baptism of Dylan in the Chama river during our annual campout.



We wish to thank again those from the Bridge for the ministry they provide with the campout. Bob and Dave came out this year and we all enjoyed the time spent in God's wilderness. We could not have asked for nicer weather and the men enjoyed the freedom to hike all around. This has become an integral part of the healing process for the men who enter the program.



We have also been able to add some new curriculum to the program schedule which has shown to be beneficial. We are now offering a Life Skills course certified through the University of Missouri that fulfills court obliga-

tions for the men and we also are teaching a Dave Ramsey financial course geared towards those coming out of correctional facilities. The program continues to grow and we are looking forward to what God has in store for us next.

Words alone can not show how much we appreciate all who have supported this ministry through your prayers and financially. Without your help we could not have accomplished the things we have over the years. May God bless you a hundred fold for all the blessings you have given us.



*"Friend of the Overcomers"*

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder  
Program Managers

## Bulletin Board Friends of the Overcomers

We want to thank all who have been supporting us financially. The program is primarily funded by individuals who have chosen to come alongside and help us touch the lives of the men that God brings us. Without this support we can not accomplish the task at hand. We cannot fully express the importance and all the blessings we have received from all of you.

Our total donations are still critically below the operating costs of the program. We are seeking a total of 500 individuals who are willing to come alongside and help with just \$10 a month and become a:

**"Friend of the Overcomers."**

At this time we have 45 who have joined us in this endeavor. We ask that you pass this need as well as our newsletter on to others you know. If God has laid it on your

heart to come alongside please contact us at:

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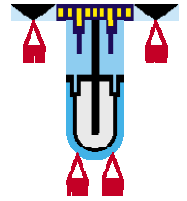
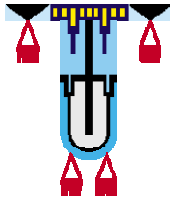
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### Ralph & Bonnie Yoder



### Yoder Family News



"Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious." Psalm 66:1-2 We have been a little busy this spring with Josh finishing all his school work early and beginning the process of finding a job. He will be attending Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology in the fall, but needs to get some money in the bank before then. The Overcomers graduated Friday evening the 18th and Josh's graduation was Saturday evening the 19th. A busy weekend, but what a wonderful time of celebration and some very proud parents. Kayla successfully finished her freshman year and is looking forward to taking driver's education this summer. Bonnie took a quick trip to TX for her Uncle Nelson's funeral and was also able to spend a little time with friends. Cousins Carl, Myra, Jenny and Trevor Miler were here with us at the Mission for a week and a half doing an amazing amount of work here in many buildings. We had a little time to spend with them but are looking forward to seeing them again in AZ when we stop to see James and Linda Nissley on our way west. We will be traveling west to CA and UT in June and she has a good friend in CA that she is looking forward to hanging out with. We will also be privileged to be with Bonnie's Aunt, Uncle and their family for their anniversary celebration. We are so blessed with wonderful family and friends from all over who have been such wonderful supporters of our family and the ministry here. God is awesome and good in so many ways. God Bless; Ralph, Bonnie, Josh and Kayla

## Prayer Requests and Praises

### Praises-

God continues to bring us His best in staff and teachers.

Two veteran HLC couples—Ken and Anita Abell along with George and Linda Eberly.

Watching the amazing power of God working in the lives of each and every one of the men as they journeyed through the last 13 weeks.

A wonderful program Suburban.

Our continuing good relationship with the judicial system in San Juan County.

New and updated curriculum in several areas. Life Skills and Dave Ramsey's Financial curriculum, both excellent.

Tremendous prayer support across the United States and Canada for the ongoing ministry here.

### Prayer requests-

Please keep Justin, Michael, Randy, Mike, and Dylan lifted up as they begin their journey back out into everyday life. Keep Jay and Jerald lifted up also, that even though they opted to leave here, that they would find a real relationship with Christ, sobriety and success in life.

As funding for the Navajo Tribe becomes available that they would keep the Overcomers as a viable outreach to the Navajo men seeking help.

For continued financial support for the Program and staff that are self supporting. That we would be able to reach the men God brings to us.

Open doors for us to continue to share with others about the ministry here at the Overcomers. The Yoders as they travel in June to the west, the Abells as they travel east and north and the Eberlys as they connect with family and friends throughout the summer.

God to always be at the center of all we do.

## Overcomer Program Needs

Again, we wish to thank all of you who have supported the program financially and through prayer. We bring to all some pressing needs that have arisen over the past year.

1. The program has seen a decline in financial support running at a \$4000 deficit last year. We are looking for additional supporters who would be willing to come along side and help.
2. Our kitchen is in need of renovation so that we can better serve the men.
3. Better quality camping equipment/gear for our annual camping trip. Something that will last more than one or two trips.
4. Partial tuition scholarships for clients who have no resources or family to help.

