

# BIC Overcomers

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



Greetings to all our friends.

We have come to the end of another session and we graduated five men (Eric, Ryan, Carlton, Adrian, and Darrell). As always it was an interesting time walking beside these men over the past three months. There were bumps along the way as usual but by the end they all had a desire to continue a walk of sobriety. We ask that you continue to keep them in prayer as they set out on the next leg of their journey.

The weather was not always cooperative but we were able to do some work in the community



again during this program.

God has also brought to us another contact, Bob Browning, owner of Browning Ranch. We have always had a desire to introduce horses into the program and we were able to go to the ranch and ride.



The men thoroughly enjoyed the time and we hope to continue with this relationship.

At the beginning of the program we were not sure if we were going to be able to take the men camping as the group that normally comes out couldn't make it. We were grateful for the three men

that came out from the Martinsburg BIC and we were able to continue this aspect of the program.

We all had a wonderful time telling stories around the fire and building new relationships. We look forward to continuing this relationship as we continue to move forward.

We wish to convey our thanks to all our supporters once again, without you we cannot continue to do what we do.

May God bless you and keep you.

Ralph & Bonnie Yoder  
Program Directors



## Bulletin Board



**Russell's story:** A past graduate (Fall 2012) had been struggling for a very long time to

find a job and became very discouraged and at times even stumbled. We continued to support him and a few weeks ago he was at church and had a dollar in his pocket. He heard God say "trust me" so he put the dollar in the offering. The next week he had 2 more dollars on him and he heard God again say "trust me" so again he put it in the offering. Both times it was all he had. The day after he put the 2 dollars in he was hired and is now working. God is awesome, we need only "Trust Him."

This is just one of the many stories of the men we are trying to help and we share this particular story because God has asked us to "Trust Him". Over the past year God has expanded on the vision for the program which requires of us to step out in faith and trust in His provision. We have received many confirmations along the way and as a staff we are of one mind that we are traveling the correct path. But as in any journey we take there are many valleys that must be traveled. This is one of those times and we are reaching out to all our supporters for additional help. We ask that you faithfully submit this request to prayer and if so compelled by God help us out in this time of need.

Our specific needs:

- \$4000 by July for operational costs.
- \$8000 total by Sept.
- Continued prayer that God increases our donor base through local churches and businesses.

Donations can be sent by snail mail and also through PayPal on our website.

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Any and all help will be very much appreciated as we continue to faithfully walk out that which God asks of us.

# **Yoder Family News**

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**John 1:3** We had a very busy spring session and I had the opportunity to travel with a friend to Indiana right after graduation. She was going to Bloomington for her nephews graduation—I decided that was a good opportunity for me to go along and travel farther north to spend time with my little grandson and daughters. I was able to spend quite some time holding, rocking, and enjoying Joey as Kayla watches him for Ashli. Ashli also took a couple of days off to spend with me. What a blessing that time with family and friends was. I was also able to visit with our home church in Nappanee. I helped Kayla move to a friends house as her Aunt

Joan, who she was living with, is getting ready to move to CA to be with her kids and grandkids. She is still watching Joey, looking for some part-time work and taking online classes toward a degree in youth ministry. Josh is nearing the end of his years internship with Mending Wings, but will continue to volunteer with them for the next several years. He will also be working on a comprehensive plan for his future work with youth. He continues to work part-time at Sears. Ashli, Frank, and Joey are doing well, thriving and growing together. Ralph and I are nearly empty-nesters now. Maddie is still in and out of the house as she prepares for College, but is staying closer to town and her job most of the time. We will not be traveling

this summer as we have in the past, for several reasons. As God has begun to open up and confirm His vision for the future of the Overcomers we also have to make some changes and adjustments. The Overcomers is striving to exist only on our own financial support, which at this point eliminates travel for sharing about the ministry. We also feel we need to be here and available as things happen and open up for the Overcomers. We are excited about the future and all that is before us; however, we regret not having the ability to visit with all our supporters and share with those who do not know about the Overcomers. We are so very thankful and grateful for all of you who support us in prayer and with finances. Ralph and Bonnie

## **Prayer Requests and Praises**

We are so thankful for all of the faithful prayer partners and financial partners who enable this ministry to reach so many men struggling with addictions.

Praise the Lord for the incredible vision He began to open up for His ministry here. It has been a little over a year since this incredible journey has begun and we are excited by the confirmations and opening doors that we experience.

Our staff and volunteers here at the Overcomers are such a blessing and vital part of reaching into the lives of hurting men.

Adrian, Carlton, Eric, Darrell, and Ryan successfully completed our spring session. We were excited to walk along with them as they moved forward toward a relationship with the Creator and farther away from their addictions.

Ralph has been named Executive Director of the Overcomers. We are thankful that our Board has this confidence in him and his ability to oversee the ministry.

Convicted by Christ has been such a wonderful connection for our men while in program and afterwards. Opportunities for us to partner with them in new and exciting areas are beginning to open up.

Please keep our graduates in prayer as they transition back into their lives with family and community.

Pray for Ralph and the rest of the staff as new connections and opportunities open up for the Overcomers. Pray that we continue to follow His leading at all times for the Overcomers.

Pray for Ralph and I as we reach out to the local churches in Bloomfield and Farmington to establish good relationships. We would like to be able to partner with them to assist our clients as they leave here.

Finances are very tight for us at the moment and we ask that you pray that He would open the doors to supply our needs—not our wants. We are striving to function financially independent, relying only on Overcomers donations.

Pray for our staff as we work toward our fall session. We already have many applications to process with so much need. We want to be able to accept and bring in the men that God wants here. Pray we have discernment in this process.

### **Executive Directors**

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