

BIC Overcomers

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



Greetings

We have come to the end of another session here at the Overcomers and even though it was a bit rough, two men stayed the course and finished the program, Austin and Tim. We ask that you keep these two men in your prayers as they embark on the next leg of their journey to sobriety.

We had another bake/ craft sale this session. We were blessed to have it in the parking lot of Big 5 Sporting Goods right on main street. One of our board members, Mike Harris, donated a load of hay for us to sell which generated most of the funds we raised. The men enjoyed the day in town fellowshiping with family and friends that stopped by.



The men were also able to give back to the community by helping a Marine veteran. We helped dismantle an old mobile home and some other work around his property.

Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Overcomers Staff

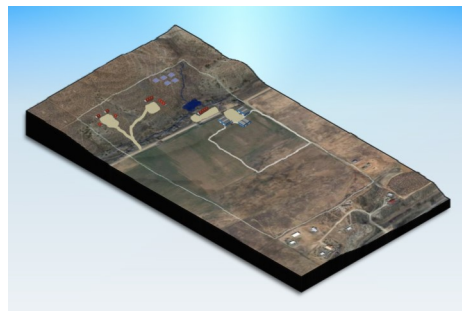


Vision Update

We faithfully continue to move forward with the vision God has laid out before us for [Hope & Redemption Ranch](#). God has brought before us an 80 acre plot of land in La Plata, NM. It is located approximately 16 miles north of Farmington and we as the Overcomer Staff have received a strong confirmation that this is to be the site of the ranch.

The next step is a daunting one for us as the asking price for the property is \$295,000. We have begun a fundraising/pledge drive to raise the necessary funds for the purchase. Presently we have raised just over \$6500 in direct funds and

pledges towards the total and are asking everyone to prayerfully consider giving/pledging to this need. [You can give directly through our GoFundMe campaign](#).



We are in the process of creating a dvd explaining the need and describing the solution laid out before us that we will share with any who wish to receive one.

Present concerns

We, the Overcomers staff, ask that you keep us in prayer as we seek wisdom and discernment considering the next session. Many necessary tasks concerning the ranch have been continually put on the back burner as each program consumes the majority of our time and we haven't been able to accomplish what is needed. We are considering taking the next session off so we can focus on these tasks and move closer to the realization of the ranch. Again keep this before God in your prayers so the path before us remains clear.

Yoder Family News

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 This last session has challenged us to bear one another's burdens in many different ways within program, family, friends and former clients. This has proven to be a challenge on various levels, but as always God is faithful in His care of us, and so we came through stronger and closer to our Lord. His ways are not my ways, His ways are always perfect. We were blessed with a new grandson on August 23, Shaun Emmet Bartow made an early appearance despite well laid plans. Thankfully I was able to go to MI to spend 2 weeks helping Ashli, Frank & Joey in any way I could, and of course Grammy got plenty of grandson time. Joey started school this year and is adjusting to a new routine and situation. This limited my time with him while he was in school, but Shaun was happy to help fill the void :) Ashli and Frank stay busy with work and family and both children are growing rapidly. Josh, Abby and Paul continue busy lives (with some health issues) as they work and Paul goes to daycare. They are searching for answers to some current health issues but are working through them. We are excitedly looking forward to April when they will come to visit us here in New Mexico to celebrate Paul's 4th birthday. Kayla continues a busy life of working 2 jobs, building good friendships and getting involved with her church. She is hoping to come down to see us this summer at some point, which we hope works out for her and us. Ralph's Dad is doing well considering the loss of Goldie earlier this year, keeping himself busy with family and friends. Mom is experiencing some health issues that come along with age and long term diabetes, but continues to live on her own with help from Darrell and his family. We are so blessed and thankful for each one of you and the support you continue to give us. Ralph & 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 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.

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.

We are so very excited for the vision and path opening up before us for the future of the Overcomers as we look to transition to Hope & Redemption Ranch. As we now have begun the fundraising process for purchasing the land, we are excited and blessed to see money and pledges starting to come in. The vision is large and at times seems overwhelming, but we have a God who is bigger than we can imagine.

God's provisions through His people continues to bless us as we are able to continue in His ministry.

Prayer requests- Keep Tim & Austin in prayer as they move forward with life after program. Pray that they would stay connected with positive support and not succumb to temptation. Keep Jose, Kevin, & Sabastian in prayer, that despite their decision to leave they would continue to seek sobriety.

We are working towards our first audit after the first of the year. We need this so we are able to move forward on some grant requests, as we move towards transitioning to Hope & Redemption Ranch. Pray that we have everything ready and that all goes well with a good outcome for us.

Keep our staff in prayer as we seek to discern God's will for us this next year. We are contemplating taking the spring session off to concentrate on what we will need to successfully transition from an intense 90 day program to a year or longer Ranch facility. Many things have been put off as program keeps us busy, and we want to make sure we are ready when God says move. We do not want to miss-step at this point and so want to make sure we are following His leading in this area. We covet the prayer support of the many supporters of the Overcomers ministry as we move forward.

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