

BJC Overcomers

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



Greetings from the high desert.

We have come to the end of another session here at the Overcomers and we are proud of the two men, Preston and Jerald who have come through this session.

It was a rocky start for the program as we started with five men. We had one leave in the middle of the night the first week and we had to release another the next day, due to disciplinary reasons. We thought the last three were going to settle in for the remainder of the program

but the third client, who was a walk-in, chose to withdraw for personal reasons in the fourth week. This gave us the opportunity to give full attention to both Preston and Jerald and their families. As a result we saw the biggest changes (start to finish) than any previous group. God definitely got ahold of both and it was a joy to watch the changes happen and we look forward to the coming days to continue our walk with both men.

We were blessed again to have three men from the MBIC Church come out for our annual spring session campout. We are in drought conditions in our area so there was a burn ban in effect at the campgrounds. We were not aware of it until we got there but we managed and fun was had by all.

As always we want to convey our thanks and gratitude to all who support us, both prayerfully and financially here at the Overcomers. The joy of watching God change the lives of the men and restore the relationships with their families is priceless.

God Bless to all
Overcomers Staff



Bulletin Board



Part of the long term vision here at the Overcomers is to provide opportunities for past grads to continue to be involved with the program. Nate, a graduate of the Fall 2017 class, expressed a desire to take classes to become a counsellor and also to teach a class this session. We helped him to enroll in classes and he taught our finance class this session along with many a wise word around the drum each

morning. He has finished his first semester of classes at San Juan College here in Farmington, NM and we could not be more proud of what he has accomplished. The ultimate plan is for him to eventually take the leadership role in the program and hopefully take it to the next level. With him becoming part of our staff we were facing a housing dilemma going forward.



“God will always provide that which we need.”

There has been an RV donated but we need to get it here. We figure it will cost around \$1000 to transport and set up and it will become housing for Nate as we go forward.

“God is good”

We are seeking financial assistance in this endeavor along with the other projects we shared with all in the previous newsletter totaling approximately \$3500.

Thank you and God Bless

Yoder Family News



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalms 51:10 We are so blessed and thankful for the many ways in which we are blessed and cared for by our loving Creator. Thanks to some wonderful supporters I was able to fly to Yakima WA to spend 3 weeks with Abby and Paul (who is now 2) while Josh was in training for his job in Artesia NM. Being able to spend that time with Abby and Paul was such a joy and blessing. Josh graduated from the USIPA after 6 weeks and is now back home with his family. We will be with them in July on our way to Wiconi Family Camp. Ashli, Frank & Joey (who is 3) continue to work on their home renovation, both working fulltime. I am so thankful for the many ways in which we can keep in touch with our family scattered all over the US with pictures, videos, and video chatting. Kayla is living



in Syracuse, IN and working nearby, staying involved with family and friends. Ralph and I are staying busy with Overcomers and the changes that happen as we move forward towards the vision God has been opening up in the last several years. We celebrated 25 years of marriage in April with a short trip south to visit with some friends. We have been so blessed in our marriage over the years, walking with God and each other. Thank you so much for the wonderful unfailing support of each of you over all of the years.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Praises-

The awesome staff (both full time and volunteer) that God continues to bring to us. Chris and Sue Gray and Nathaniel Cayaditto are now with us fulltime, adding so much to the program. 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.

Prayer requests-

We are always looking ahead for couples or individuals willing to come see lives changed. If you are interested in investing 3 months of your life to walk alongside men intent on change, please contact us.

Pray for Preston and Jerald as they return back to their families and communities. Pray they stay focused on Christ and stay connected with those who will help and support them.

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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