

# WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

In these days drug addiction, immorality, and alcoholism abound. In fact, sin in various forms is rampant. Of course, Jesus told us in the last days iniquity (sin) would abound. But, in the midst of it the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ shines brightly. God, our precious Heavenly Father, is at work drawing many people to Jesus Christ that they might be delivered, set free, and saved. Jesus said in

John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." God does not want people stuck in the pit of sin and despair. He wants them to be free and to have abundant life. That's why Jesus came to this earth.

Thank God for the privilege that we have here at Teen Challenge to point many desperate wanderers to Jesus Christ. Through Christ and His shed blood the bondages of sin are broken. Through the Word of God the people are taught how to live for God and how to live life. The peace, love and the smiles on their faces express the abundant life that they now have in Christ. They also have a bright future. To God be the glory!

## GRADUATES



### Kaye Bumbalough

My name is Kaye Bumbalough. I am 31 years old. At the age of 5 my mother was killed in a car accident. From that point on, I felt a deep emptiness in my heart. I was looking to the world to fill the void. I began working in the entertainment business at the age of 19. I socially began to use drugs, which rapidly led me down a dark downward spiral. I eventually got in bondage to crack cocaine. This drug destroyed many relationships and landed me in jail. I thank God he saved me and brought me to Teen Challenge. I am no longer living in darkness, but I am full of joy and excited about my new life in Christ. **John 8:12 - Jesus said, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**



### Amber Green

My name is Amber. I am 24 years old, from Benton Harbor, Michigan. Drugs and the party life have consumed me since I was 13. I started using oxycontin in 2002, which quickly led to a severe IV addiction to heroin. I had my second son in January 2011, born addicted to this drug. I lost all hope and felt no need to continue my own life. But, God had other plans for me! By God's grace my son is amazingly healthy today! I give all the glory to God! I used to be bound from the pits of hell by chains of unrighteousness, guilt and shame. Today Jesus Christ clothes me with strength and dignity. **Phil 3:13 - No my dear brothers and sisters I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing, forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.**



### Ryan Hill

My name is Ryan Hill, I'm 24 and I'm from Dallas, Texas. I grew up in a very loving Christian family. At the age of 17 I began to stray away from my Christian values that I had learned growing up. Soon the party life of drugs, including heroin, began to consume my life. After overdosing a few times and almost dying, the Lord led me to Teen Challenge. Since being here I have been given the tools I need to restore my life with Jesus Christ. He has filled the void that nothing else was able to! I stand on **Joshua 24:15b, "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."**



### Gerald Bluhm

Hi, my name is Gerald Bluhm. I'm 49 years old from Byron Center, Michigan. I grew up with caring, loving parents who have always been there for me. Drugs and alcohol had been my life since I was a young teenager. Through sin, separation from God, and the consequences of it, I came to the realization that I truly needed spiritual help. I thank God for His grace and mercy, and for the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross for me. Today, I have contentment and peace. All glory, honor and praise to God! I thank the Teen Challenge ministry for everything that they have taught me. Now I can continually apply the Word of God to my life. **John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

## You Are Invited SPRING FUNDRAISING BANQUETS

### Muskegon Banquet

March 22, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds, 4759 Lake Harbor Road

### Grand Rapids Banquet

April 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm

First Assembly of God, 2100 Forty-Fourth Street

Begin to invite guests now and phone in your reservations. If possible, fill a table of eight people or more. It will be an evening of great food, fellowship, student testimonies and inspiring music. Doors open at 6:30 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Adults only. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there. R.S.V.P. to Cindy at 231.798.7927.

I want to thank all of you on our mailing list for joining Michelle and I, and all the staff here at Teen Challenge in winning lost souls to Christ. Your prayers and monthly financial support are all important. You are helping lift people out of the depths of addiction and bondage. You are assisting in the salvation of souls and putting smiles on faces that used to be filled with hopelessness. Much thanks, honor, glory, and adoration to our precious Lord, Jesus Christ. We love you.

In Christ's Service,  
Phil & Michelle McClain

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