

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

As we journey through life there are many distractions that would try to take our hearts and minds off Jesus. We must remember that He is our life and the source of our life. Col. 3:4 says, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." A reminder of the words of Jesus...He said, "Without Me, ye can do nothing." We are utterly dependent upon Him. We must be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. We must keep our focus on Him. We must love Him with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength. We as Christians want to be wholesome, wise, and effective in life. And without Jesus, we just cannot do it.

So today with made up mind, determination, with the help of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Ghost, through prayer and faith, we make Jesus Lord of every area of our life. We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us. Jesus is the central focus of our life; and with that, in the name of Jesus, all distractions must dissipate. Jesus is Lord! Praise God.

By His grace, we will serve Him all the days of our lives, and by His grace we will appear with Him in glory. Dear saint, today you are a victor through Jesus Christ our Lord. Give Him praise. He is worthy. To God be the glory!

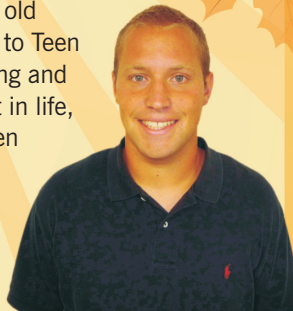


GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

My name is Jake Hasselbring. I'm 20 years old from Byron Center, Michigan. I grew up in a loving Christian home, but in high school I got into the party scene. After high school, I continued that life style and ended up in a lot of trouble.

I landed in court 5 times, jail 2 times, and put on probation twice in 8 months. After being lost for so long and becoming so tired of the path I was on, I turned to Teen Challenge. Since being here, my life has completely changed. I have a natural joy, hope, and happiness that I haven't felt for years. I'm so thankful for Teen Challenge, and I can't wait to see what God has for me in my future. The verse I stand on is Philippians 3:13, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead."

My name is R.J. Russell. I'm 23 years old from Detroit, Michigan. Before I came to Teen Challenge I lived in a dark world of lying and sin. I lost focus of what was important in life, and then hit rock bottom. While at Teen Challenge, God has revealed so much to me and has taught me to walk in faith. I give all the Glory to God for showing me my path in life. The verse I stand on is Matthew 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."



My name is Margaret Ann Fugua. I am 39 years old from Hartsville, Tennessee. I grew up going to church but never had a true relationship with God. My father was an alcoholic; and at the age of 13, I lost him to cirrhosis of the liver. I then began to struggle with depression. At the age of 28 I began taking pain medication for a prior back surgery. In a very short time, these drugs had taken over my life. I entered into a very dysfunctional marriage, and I lost all respect for myself. I began to steal and do what ever it took to get drugs. I was hopeless. I begged God to take my life. Thank God He had other plans. Since coming to Teen Challenge my life has been transformed, and I have hope again.



Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster to give you a future and a hope."

UPCOMING FALL BANQUETS

Grand Rapids Banquet

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
First Assembly of God
2100 Forty-Fourth Street SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49509

Muskegon Banquet

Thursday, October 10, 2013
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds
4759 Lake Harbor Road
Norton Shores, MI 49441

Please mark these fall banquet dates on your calendar. Will you attend and perhaps host a table of eight or more? We look forward to hearing from you. Adults only. For reservations, call Cindy at 231.798.7927.

Dear friends, you are a great help to us through your prayers and giving to this ministry. All the students, staff, Michelle and I thank you for helping us in our endeavor to reach souls for Jesus Christ. While you are praying for us, we are praying for you. We are praying that God will meet all your needs, physically, financially, and spiritually. That you will prosper in all ways. We love you, and you are God's special gift to this ministry. Be blessed in Jesus' name.

In Christ's Service,
Phil & Michelle McClain

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