

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

Jesus said in **John 8:29b**, “for I do always those things that please Him” (the Father). What a testimony, and what a truth. We, as staff, purpose to live our lives in this manner. To do always those things that please our Lord. We want our lives to exemplify Jesus. We purpose to be lights in this world of darkness.

Students come to us again and again with problems, needs, and concerns. We want to always respond to them the way Jesus would; with love, kindness, understanding and faith. Jesus is the miracle worker. We must always approach Him in faith for the students’ needs and our own. **Heb 11:6** says, “But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him...” **Mk 11:24b** says, “What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” We must remember He “is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or even think” **Ep 3:20**. **Gal 6:2** says, “Bear ye one another’s burdens...”

God is faithful. He keeps answering prayer for the students and the rest of us. God will answer your prayer! He is good! Read and hear of the ways God has answered prayer in the lives of our students.

Holly Johnson - I was heavily addicted to pain pills and heroin. Little did I know my liver was failing and I was jaundice. The doctor didn't give me much hope. At one of the chapel services the girls gathered around me and prayed for me. God supernaturally healed me. When I went back to the doctor he was amazed. My liver was healed, the jaundice was gone. Today I am saved, healed, delivered and free.



Nichole Lester - My son was killed in a motorcycle accident when he was 21 years old. I became so angry toward God...I blamed Him for taking my son. I turned to antidepressants and sleeping pills...anything I could get my hands on. My 20-year marriage was ruined, and my drug use accelerated. I just wanted to numb myself and didn't care if I died. I came to Teen Challenge out of desperation. Here, at an altar of prayer, I laid down all of my pain, aches and sorrow and turned my whole life over to Jesus Christ. He has brought total peace and extreme joy into my life.

Nicki Turner - My teeth were so decayed from my long use of drugs. Also, my front tooth was broke off below the gum. The Lord arranged it with a local dentist to have all my teeth repaired, including the one that was broken off. This was a tremendous answer to prayer.



Maggie Hodorowicz - I was on drugs and a severe alcoholic when I came into the program. I had lost all hope in life. I felt there was no purpose in living. Several times I tried to commit suicide. While at Teen Challenge the Lord spoke to me and showed me there is a purpose to life. Now not only do I want to live, but I want to live for Him.



What a blessing to see firsthand the miracles of God. May we always do those things that please our Lord.

RIDE TO RESTORE BIKE-A-THON

Our 37th Annual Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, June 20. If you would like to participate in this fun-filled day by riding from Holland to Grand Haven or by sponsoring a rider, please call Austin McElroy at 231.798.7927 or email amcelroy@wm-tc.com. The families of students are welcome to join us after the bike ride at 3:00 pm for activities and a picnic.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and faith for this ministry. Thanks, too, for your faithful financial support. We need you, love you and appreciate you. You are in our prayers. Jesus is Lord!

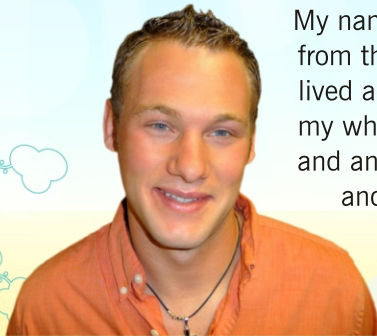
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GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

My name is Brant Mosoiu. I'm 22 years old from Grand Rapids, Michigan. My parents raised me in the church and showed me the right path. While pursuing a degree in youth ministry at college, I began going to parties, drinking, and smoking pot. I fell in love with the instant acceptance I received from that crowd. I lost my football scholarship and got kicked out of school. My life spiraled into a depression. A secular counselor diagnosed me with ADD and prescribed me Ritalin, and I became instantly addicted. Over the past few years I've chased drugs and ran from God. I've been in and out of jail with 6 felonies on my record. I admitted my need for a radical change, and my parents brought me to Teen Challenge. Since coming to Teen Challenge, my relationship with my family has been restored, and I no longer depend on other people's relationship with God. He has become my best friend and He's been so good even though I don't deserve it. He's opening doors for my future; to go back to college and move forward to becoming a youth pastor. **Proverbs 10:9 says, "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out."** I can't wait to be known as a man of integrity.



My name is Michael Neeld. I am 27 years old from the Upper Peninsula, Michigan. I've lived an "on the edge" kind of a lifestyle with my whole family engaging in extreme sports and anything competitive. I joined the Army and completed basic training while in high school. I was very self-motivated, and I took pride in receiving a technical certification from college and landing a job in

which I traveled the country. I had always looked down on people who did drugs until a man I worked with introduced me to oxycontin, and my life spiraled out of control. My life was a cycle of highs and lows. I had wealth and material things, and I was deceived into thinking I was free. I never realized that I was really bound by so many things. At Teen Challenge, I have found freedom in Jesus Christ. He brought me from death to life, and He has transformed my heart and mind. Teen Challenge has given me the tools to succeed and to grow in Christ. **Deuteronomy 31:8, "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."**