

# WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

The Psalmist said in Ps. 3:8, "Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: Thy **blessing** is upon Thy people." Proverbs 10:22 says, "The **blessing** of the Lord it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it." Ezekiel 34:26b says, "There shall be showers of **blessing**." We as God's people can expect the **blessing** of the Lord. We are His own, His purchased possession, and He loves us dearly. So...we can expect His favor and **blessing**!

Here at Teen Challenge students and staff alike are experiencing the **blessing** of the Lord upon their lives. They seek God daily. They call upon His name in prayer. They have beautiful fellowship with God in prayer, praise and worship.

Former addicts, alcoholics and the abused are now experiencing the mercy, love and faithfulness of God. God's **blessings** overflow. Also, God **blesses** us with strength, compassion, love and wisdom for the students and this ministry. Psalms 37:25 says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread." God has certainly **blessed** us and met all our needs. Thanks to Calvary, the cross, to Jesus for His faithfulness. Blessings, Blessings, Blessings are ours in Christ.

## GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

My name is Nicole Harris. I'm 19 years old from Coldwater, MI. I grew up in a broken and abusive home. In high school, I sought after the wrong crowd, began smoking Marijuana daily, and became involved in homosexuality. My anger became so problematic that it got me in trouble with the law. I was able to come to Teen Challenge as an alternative to serving jail time. Through Teen Challenge, the Lord has set me free from bondage, and He has given me real love for Him and for others. 1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT) says, "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."



GRADUATE TESTIMONIES CONTINUED ON BACK

## UPCOMING FALL BANQUETS

### Grand Rapids Banquet

September 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm  
First Assembly of God  
2100 Forty-Fourth Street, Grandville, MI

### Muskegon Banquet

October, 15 2015 at 7:00 pm  
Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds  
4759 Lake Harbor Road, Muskegon, MI

### Holland Christmas Banquet

December 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm  
Beechwood Reformed Church  
895 Ottawa Beach Road, Holland, MI

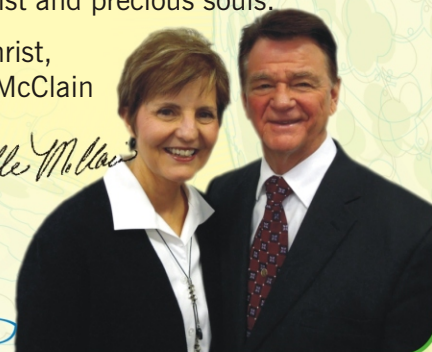
**Can you believe it?** September is just around the corner which means Get Acquainted Fund-Raising Banquets also are coming up soon. Please put these fall banquet dates on your calendar. Will you attend and perhaps host a table of eight or more? We look forward to hearing from you. Adults only. For reservations, call Amber at 231.798.7927.

The testimonies of our graduates are proof of the manifold **blessings** of the Lord upon the student body here at Teen Challenge. They now are living out their faith in Christ and enjoying life as a Christian. Their joy, laughter, praise and worship to God tell the story that they truly know Jesus. To God be the glory.

My precious brothers and sisters in Christ, we here at Teen Challenge are praying for the continual **blessing** of the Lord upon your life. You are dear to us. We thank God for each of you. We thank God for your faithful financial giving to this ministry and for your faithful prayer support for us as we labor humbly for the cause of Christ and precious souls.

Yours Serving Christ,  
Phil & Michelle McClain  
Director

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## GRADUATE TESTIMONIES (continued)

My name is David Colglazier. I am 29 years old from Cookeville, TN. I was raised by wonderful, loving Christian parents. I accepted Christ at a young age, but I began to turn away from God during high school. After high school, I joined the Marine Corps and was deployed twice to Iraq. When I came home, I was consumed with anger, hatred, fear, and loneliness. I felt like no one understood what I was going through, so I turned to drugs. For the next four years, my drug addiction took me to a very dark place and I no longer wanted to live. I finally hit my knees, and God answered my prayer by bringing me to Teen Challenge. Since coming to Teen Challenge, I've come to realize that there is someone who understands what I was going through because He was with me the whole time. Jesus Christ has turned my life completely around for good. I praise God for the life that I have today and I thank Teen Challenge for giving me the opportunity to grow in my relationship with Jesus, and the tools that I need to continue to live a successful Christian life.



My name is Nicki Turner. I'm 35 years old from Cookeville, TN. I began using drugs at the age of 14. By the time I was 18, I was heavily addicted to, and involved in the manufacturing of Crystal Methamphetamine. In May of 2014, my addiction resulted in legal trouble and the possibility of several years prison time. While in court, I met the director of the local Teen Challenge crisis center, who saw me as more than a Meth cook who was about to get everything she deserved. He saw me as a child of God who deserved what the Lord had to give. Since coming to Western Michigan Teen Challenge, the Lord has taken away all my guilt and shame, and He has completely transformed my life; restoring relationships with my children and family. Psalm 34:6 says, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."

## BIKE-A-THON RESULTS

All of our annual bike-a-thons have been very, very good. But, this year it was exceptional. Everybody had a wonderful time. The weather was great, and praise God, no injuries. The fellowship was great. We all enjoyed a meal together. We all enjoyed a time of worship, singing and a message from the Word of the Lord. Also, it was a great financial blessing to Teen Challenge.



Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

