

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

In **Matthew 24:12**, Jesus said, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." In **II Timothy 3:13** the scripture says, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." **II Timothy 3:1** says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous (difficult, violent) times shall come."

Worldwide we are there. Crime and violence cover the earth. Immorality is totally out of control. Lawlessness, alcoholism, drug addiction (particularly heroin addiction) is on the rampage. Divorce, lewdness, and lasciviousness (sensuality) all have a vicious bent. Yet, there is hope in Jesus Christ for those who are sick and tired of the chaos of the old sin life. **Romans 5:20b** says, "...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." In **Matthew 11:28** Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Thank God for the many at Teen Challenge who are turning to Christ and finding deliverance, freedom and salvation in Jesus Christ. Right now we are experiencing an influx of hurting people who want help. Jesus is meeting them at their point of desperation. Let me tell you about **Andrea** - Andrea is 33 years of age from Youngstown, Ohio. She has two children and a husband, who presently wants a way out of the marriage. Andrea was on various drugs, but heroin was the drug that brought utter destruction to her life. She felt her only way out was suicide. Shortly after her attempt, her sister found her and dismantled the situation...saving her life. Out of desperation she came to Teen Challenge. Finally, the marks from the attempt of suicide are gone. Not only are the marks gone, but the loneliness, sin, addiction, fear, anger and emptiness are gone as well. Today, Jesus is her savior and Lord. She has sweet fellowship with Jesus. Now her life radiates Christ and she is a blessing to all others around her, including the other ladies in the program. She really is a miracle.



Andrea is one of many who are experiencing the new life change through our precious Lord and Savior. I could certainly tell of many others who have experienced the same life change.

THIS MONTH'S GRADUATES

GRADUATE TESTIMONIES ON BACK.

Anthony Eagle



Rodney Johnson



Jonah McCaleb



LeShane Blaylock



LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT OUR UPCOMING GET ACQUAINTED FUND RAISING BANQUETS

Muskegon Banquet

October, 15 at 7:00 pm

Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds
4759 Lake Harbor Road, Muskegon, Michigan

Holland Christmas Banquet

December 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Beechwood Reformed Church
895 Ottawa Beach Road, Holland, Michigan

Your attendance and participation in inviting guests and filling a table of eight or two tables of sixteen guests is most appreciated. Contact Amber at 231.798.7927 to let us know the number in your party at least two days in advance. Thank you so much.

We are doing major construction repairs and remodeling at the men's center. These changes are important and necessary. Thank God for making a way for these to be accomplished.

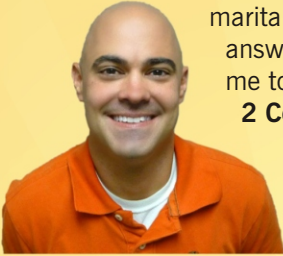
Thanks to all of you on our mailing list for standing with us with your prayers and financial giving on a monthly basis. You are a great part of this ministry. We need you, love you, and pray for you. Your prayers and giving are helping to set the captives free and bring salvation to literally hundreds. Thank you so kindly. God bless!

Phil & Michelle
McClain



GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

My name is **Anthony Eagle** and I'm 38 years old. Throughout my childhood, I was sexually abused by a close relative, who I trusted and thought was showing me love. As I matured, I realized I was being mistreated, but I didn't want to believe it. I turned to alcohol and drugs as an escape. When the abuse ended I was left with shame, guilt, confusion, and a serious drug and alcohol addiction. I carried these burdens for years, and in the midst of marital separation and a pending divorce, I cried out to the Lord and he answered my prayer. In my brokenness and desperation, the Lord brought me to Teen Challenge, where He has healed me from the hurt of my past.

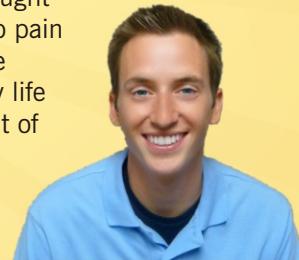


2 Corinthians 12:10, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." Since coming to Teen Challenge, my wife and I have taken the first steps toward reconciliation. Today I have a grateful heart, and I look forward to serving the Lord.

My name is **Rodney Johnson** and I'm 52 years old from Manistee, MI. I was raised in a broken home by a loving, hard-working mother. Although we didn't attend church, she told me about Jesus. I began using alcohol at a young age when my stepfather took me to bars to perform as a musician. At the time, alcohol served to help me with stage fright. But over time, it developed into an addiction and led to the use of marijuana and cocaine. After several failed attempts at secular rehabs, counseling, and AA meetings, I was left feeling hopeless. My physical addiction to alcohol led to withdraw seizures, shakes and tremors, divorce, job loss, DUIs and hopelessness. I cried out to the Lord, and He delivered me to a church body that was able to minister to me and get me to Teen Challenge where the Lord has set me free from the chains of bondage. **Galatians 2:20**, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."



My name is **Jonah McCaleb** and I'm 24 years old from Gordonsville, TN. I was raised in a Christian home with two loving parents who provided me with a good upbringing. In college, my life was turned upside down when my mom passed away suddenly from cancer. I turned my back on God and turned to the world to soothe my pain. This brought nothing but heartache. For two years, I struggled with an addiction to pain pills. I finally reached a point of desperation and cried out to God. He saved me by bringing me to Teen Challenge, where he has turned my life around and given me hope. **Psalms 40:2-3**, He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord."



My name is **LeShane Blaylock** and I'm from Sparta, TN. I came from a broken home and began using alcohol and drugs at a very young age. It led me down a road of destruction until I eventually lost everything, including my freedom, and almost my life. By God's grace, I was led to Teen Challenge and able to change my life. I thank Jesus Christ for saving me and giving me hope for the first time. **Isaiah 60:1-2**, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

