

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generosity I giving to this ministry of Teen Challenge. The scripture says, "God loveth a cheerful giver." Some of you have been giving to this ministry for a long time. Others have joined in giving more recently. All gifts are appreciated. You are loved. Your giving help us to bring the gospel to the streets, jails, and to those in the program.

RECENT STUDENTS



BEEN HERE A LITTLE LONGER



GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

Jamie Rogers: I came to Teen Challenge lost, broken, and hopeless. I tried to fill this void and emptiness with drugs, alcohol, women and things of this world. But what my heart yearned for was a personal relationship with Jesus and to experience a love that could only come from the Father. I was not capable of producing the change that has taken place in my heart. There is nothing I could have done to earn or deserve the new life He has given me. All the honor and glory to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Psalm 25: 4-5, "Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you."

Tanesha Blake: My addiction started 15 years ago. I had two children with cerebral palsy and I hated God for it. I felt like he was punishing me for something I did, almost like I was cursed. Seeing my children suffer hurt me to my core. In order to dull the pain and keep up with doctor appointments, I started drinking and doing cocaine to function. I hit rock bottom. I was tired of living like a zombie, and my children needed a sober mother. I was tired of letting Satan have victory over my life. God was calling me and I finally listened. I've forgiven myself, I don't blame God for anything that happened in the past, and I've given my life to Christ. Psalm 23:1-4, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."



Elizabeth Blackwood: I came to Teen Challenge addicted to cutting myself to the point where I needed stitches. I had struggled with anxiety since I was little, and I used self-harm as a way to numb all my fears and insecurities. After a suicide attempt, I tried therapy and psych meds but nothing worked because I was relying on my own strength instead of Gods. By His grace He pulled me out of that pit and allowed me to come to Teen Challenge. Since coming here, God has totally taken my desire to cut, He's healed me from depression, anxiety, and filled my heart with so much joy. He's restored my relationships with my family and teaching me more and more each day to walk in His abundant life. Exodus 15:2, "The LORD is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise himmy father's God, and I will exalt him!"

UPCOMING BANQUETS

GRAND RAPIDS

First Assembly of God Church Gymnasium
2100 44th Street, Wyoming, MI

Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. (Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.)

Muskegon

Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds
4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI

Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. (Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.)

Reservations are needed. RSVP to Nikki at 231.798.7927.

Michelle and I look forward to seeing you
at one of these banquets.

I don't know how much time we have to share the gospel of Christ before Jesus comes back for us. But as much time as the Lord gives us, we want to continue to share the old, old story of Jesus and His love. Continue to stand with us in our endeavor. Thank you for your prayers and giving. May God use us in these last days to see many desperate souls come to Christ. We love you and pray for you. Be blessed!

Yours in Christ for the
Sake of the Gospel,
Phil & Michelle
McClain
Director

