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Dear Friends,

Jesus said in **John 15:16** –“**ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain!...**” Thank God that as we pray, preach, and teach the Word of God to the desperate people coming into the program, God is bringing forth spiritual fruit that remains. I never weary with preaching the good word of the Lord to spiritually needy and hungry people. It’s such a joy to see the life change that Jesus makes in each one. We are seeing what Paul the Apostle said in **II Cor. 5:17** come to pass. “**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**” The old life of drugs, alcohol, and immorality passes away. Truly they are new creatures. Thank God! **I’m glad that you are a part of what God is doing here at Teen Challenge.** Your prayers, encouragement, and giving to this ministry is a big part of what God is doing here. Thank you!

Recent Program Entries... Thank you for praying for them.



OCTOBER GRADUATES



Preston Gouan Jr. – I am 36 years old. I thought life was supposed to be full of parties, drinking and drugging. I thought wrong. That season of my life was very short lived as crack cocaine took from me – destroyed my family and left me with guilt, shame and depression. I needed help – I needed change in my life – I needed Christ. Teen Challenge provided the change I needed. Here I was shown the way to live for Christ and to have a relationship with Him. As I submitted to Christ scripture became so real to me. **Galatians 5:1** –“**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. II Cor. 5:17** –“**Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation. Old things have passed away behold all things are become new.**” I am new!

Joshua Perez - I am 28 years old and live in Holland, MI. I grew up in a good Christian home. Once I started high school I met friends who accepted me with my learning disability. I drank here and there as I got older. I married and started a family. Everything was great until my drinking got worse. Two years went fast. I needed help. I entered Teen Challenge and met the Lord. I have learned to fully submit to the Lord. I now stand on **James 4:7** –“**Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**” I consistently submit daily to Christ.



Ron Payne – I’m from the state of Kentucky. My life was not pleasant before I came to Teen Challenge. Drinking and drugging had me down so low. I was in a dark pit, needing to climb out. A long time ago while in jail I learned about Jesus, but I didn’t hold on to Him. With my year in Teen Challenge, I’ve had the opportunity to learn more, **Proverbs 9:10** –“**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.**” Therefore, life for me has just begun. Thank God for Pastor McClain, all the pastors and staff, the students, my brothers and sisters in Christ, my parents; and thanks most of all to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Several years ago Greg Illum came to Teen Challenge from Springfield, Missouri. Greg went through our program and was a great student with us. Greg’s parents have been in the ministry for years with the Assemblies of God and at the Assemblies of God headquarters. Greg oversees the maintenance here at Teen Challenge. He is doing an amazing job keeping our buildings, grounds, and vehicles in good working order. His craftsmanship is superior.



Thanks Greg!

MINISTRY TO CHURCHES RESUMING!

Thank God our pastors here at Teen Challenge are resuming our ministry to the churches again, as we had temporarily not been going because of the virus.

Do pray for us, here at Teen Challenge, as we continue to reach out and help the many alcoholics, drug addicts, and morally impure. The need is great. But, our God is greater. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, love, and financial help. We do pray for you also.

Yours in Christ serving our Lord and Savior,
Phil & Michelle McClain

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