

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

February 2015

440 Pontaluna Road | Muskegon, MI 49444 | 231-798-7927

Dear Friends,

Proverbs 13:15 says, "...the way of the transgressors is hard." The people who come into Teen Challenge have lived a hard, miserable life because of their spiritual ignorance and disobedience to God. Either they did not know God or they did not see the importance of serving Him. The evil one had them blinded to the truth of Jesus Christ, and they were deceived by him. Jesus said, "the prince of darkness "the thief" cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill and to destroy." Those coming to us are on the path to destruction. Doom is their fate until they come to the truth. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." He said in John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Paul the apostle said in Ep. 4:21, "...the truth is in Jesus."

When people come to the truth of Jesus Christ, the truth of the Word of God, the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and receive it; they no longer walk in darkness, but in the marvelous light. They find that "Jesus came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." They find that "Jesus is the light of the world." And if they will follow Jesus, "They shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Is. 42:6-7 says, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness...for a light to the gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." God is literally bringing those out of the prison of darkness, sin and destruction here at Teen Challenge. For God hath commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and hath shined in their hearts, to give the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory. Today they can see and, praise God, they are free in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Read the testimonies of our upcoming graduates. They have come to the marvelous light and found freedom in Christ our Lord.

UPCOMING SPRING BANQUETS

Muskegon Banquet

March 19, 2015
at 7:00 pm

Maranatha Bible
Conference Grounds
4759 Lake Harbor Road

Grand Rapids Banquet

April 23, 2015
at 7:00 pm

First Assembly of God
2100 Forty-Fourth Street

Will you please attend one
or both of these banquets
and perhaps host a table
of eight or more? R.S.V.P.
Cindy at 231-798-7927.



Graduate Testimonies

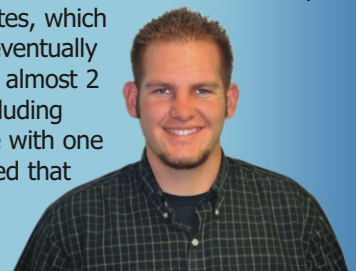
My name is Lindsey Johnson. I'm 34 years old, from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. I was raised Catholic by loving parents, so I always knew about God. However, I didn't know about the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, or about salvation. Life was good until my mom passed away 10 years ago. I became angry with God and stopped praying and attending church, which led me into a life of sin. I eventually became an IV heroin addict and lost

custody of my two children. I've tried numerous secular rehabs, but nothing was able to fill the void in my heart like Jesus has. God is restoring my relationship with my children, and He has given me freedom from my addiction. Isaiah 55:9 says, "'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' declares the Lord." Today, I have so much faith in God because I know that He has a plan for my life, and I'm forever grateful to Teen Challenge for teaching me about the love of Christ.

My name is David Gritters. I'm 23 years old, from southern California. I grew up in a Christian home with loving parents. I attended church every Sunday, participated in Sunday school and went to a private Christian grade school. I was home schooled for high school. At the age of 15, a very close friend of mine died, and I blamed God. I hardened my heart and turned to the world for friendship. Worldly friends introduced me to smoking cigarettes, which led to drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, and eventually

using heroin and crystal meth on a daily basis for almost 2 years. I reached the point of lying to everyone, including myself. The devil deceived me into believing I could live with one

foot in the church and one foot in the world. Since coming to Teen Challenge I have learned that living a double life is not possible. Jesus is the only way! He died to save us from our sins. He is the Good Shepherd that left the fold to go after the one that was lost. The verse I stand on is 1 John 4:19, "We love Him, because He first loved us."



Much Needed Facility Improvements

We are moving ahead with much-needed repairs at our men's center. We are replacing worn-out carpeting, chairs, and tables and repainting. We must get a water leak fixed on our lower level. We also must repair deteriorating mortar joints on the entire outside of the school facility. Pray for us as we move forward on these much-needed projects. Also, if the Lord would prompt you to give toward these improvements, it would be a great blessing.

Student Increase

There has been quite an increase in our student population both at our men's and women's centers. Thank God. We want to help as many people as possible.

Thanks to each of you for standing with us again this year with your faithful prayers and financial giving. We need, love and appreciate each of you dearly. May God bless you as you help us to reach out to the hurting and see them salvaged through Jesus Christ.

Love and Prayers,

Phil & Michelle
McClain

Phil & Michelle McClain

