

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

Daily I look into the faces of our students in the program and see fatigue, weariness, and desperation. Crack cocaine, alcohol, heroin, methamphetamines, opiates, and other drugs have brought them to a place of utter hopelessness. But, we have the privilege of sharing the hope in Christ with them. Jesus offers rest to the fatigued, weary, and those weighted down, over loaded, and burdened down.

Matt. 11:28-30. Jesus said "Come unto me all ye that **labour** and are **heavy laden**, and I will give you **rest**. Take my **yoke** (obligations) upon

you, and learn of me; for I am **meek and lowly** in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

It isn't long and that look of desperation turns to radiance in Christ Jesus our Lord. Weariness and fatigue are erased through hope and faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus is still a miracle worker. He is Lord, Savior and victor. I encourage you to have faith in God. He has a miracle for you today. Be encouraged. May your faith and expectation soar in Christ. He loves you.



Graduate Testimonies

Greg.

Though I was raised in a loving Christian family, my rebellion took a hold on my life. Many things led to my

downfall, but none of my life experiences could have prepared me for the loss of my children. In 2000, my three children (ages 11, 8 and 6) were all killed in a

house fire. This devastated me in every possible way, causing me to turn my back completely on God and simply desire death. In 2001, I was shot 5 times with 2 bullets lodging in my head. I wish I could say that this was enough to point me back to God's will, but before even fully recovering, I began my time in and out of prisons and institutions. It wasn't until the death of my mother that I called on God for help. Since coming to Teen Challenge, my hope is in Jesus Christ, and I have joy and peace in my heart that I have never felt before.

TESTIMONIES CONTINUE ON REVERSE

HEADS UP

Our Spring Banquets are just around the corner.

Grand Rapids – March 15
Muskegon – April 12

Mark these on your calendar.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2017

373 – Decisions for Christ

160 – Filled with the Holy Spirit

92 – Baptized in Water

61 – Completed three month induction

43 – Completed the year

15 – Completed restoration phase

210 – Rallies/church meetings

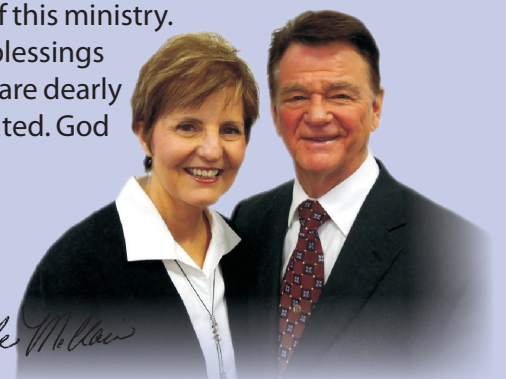
As long as I have breath, I will praise the Lord for His greatness, faithfulness, and majesty. He is worthy. Join with me and let us worship and magnify Him together. Thank God for the incredible things He is doing in the lives of the students here at Teen Challenge. Weights, burdens, and bondages are being lifted and broken daily. God's glory shines forth as a sunny, snowy, shiny mountain peak...even brighter and higher.

I humbly thank each of you for your prayerful and financial support of this ministry.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you. You are dearly loved and appreciated. God bless!

Phil & Michelle
McClain, Director

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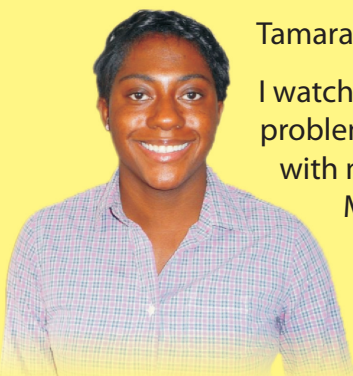
Bob Mizic.

I was molested by a priest between the ages of 11-12. I turned to alcohol to deal with the shame, guilt and anger. By the time I graduated high school, I was using cocaine regularly. An overdose of cocaine and alcohol finally brought me to my knees, and a friend recommended I come to Western Michigan Teen Challenge. God has lifted the veil of darkness around my heart and created in me a pure heart. A heart filled with the compassion, love, and joy that only He can give me.



Elizabeth McCallum.

I broke my arm when I was 17 and the doctor prescribed me oxytocin, which led to IV use of morphine and heroin. In 2015 I quit using opiates, started manufacturing methamphetamines, and began selling my body for my drugs. I was caught with 5 grams of ice and was sentenced to 1 year in jail with the option to do 1 year in rehab. I gave my life to the Lord in jail, and Forgotten Man Ministries help me come to Teen Challenge. I have completely surrendered to the Lord, and He has restored my mind. He has given me love, joy, faith, peace and patience. He has given me the heart to encourage people and to look at life through His eyes. I give Him all the glory.



Tamara Simone Smith.

I watched my mother battle addiction when I was younger. So when problems arose, that is the outlet I grasped. I started experimenting with marijuana and alcohol at 17, and at 20 it progressed to cocaine. My regret and shame kept me bound in addiction for 7 years. After 2 DUIs and years of running from God, the Lord sought me out and the opportunity for a life change came in the form of Teen Challenge. Since being at Teen Challenge, God has restored my child-like joy. I know who He intended me to be all along in Him. I am anxious for a future with the Lord by my side.

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee:
he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*