

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

I thank God for the many opportunities to minister unto our Lord Jesus Christ during the year 2017 and for the many victories. Hundreds have been delivered from the web of sin and addiction. The devil is defeated, and Jesus Christ reigns King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

2018 lies before us, which speaks of new and great opportunities for Christ. We look forward to what lies before us with great anticipation and expectation; to work for God and see many more people delivered from sin, addictions, and the power of Satan. Jesus Christ is victor!

Graduate Testimonies

Penny Daugherty - While going through a divorce, I was introduced to methamphetamines. Angry and filled with the guilt and shame of destroying my family because of my own infidelity, I started using drugs as a welcome escape from the mess my life had become. Within 6 months, I was an IV user and lost everything dear to me. The next few years were filled with hopelessness, darkness, legal troubles, and jail stays. But, the Lord showed me that He had plans for my life.

“They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

I have put my trust in the Lord since coming to Teen Challenge, and He has delivered me from the chains of addiction. I am a new creature, a daughter of the one true king, and He is my Lord!



Raquel Martinez-Riera -

Feelings of abandonment, unworthiness and hopelessness consumed me at a young age, and I was labeled depressed. I found my escape in the party scene, but the relief was temporary and it quickly turned into an uncontrollable addiction. My immoral and demoralizing lifestyle filled me with so much shame and regret and left me broken and victimized. I lost the respect of my family and friends, but God saw me and led me to Teen Challenge through the testimony of a Western Michigan Teen Challenge graduate. At Teen Challenge I've experienced His love, forgiveness, and freedom; and I will never be the same! **I stand on His promises and no longer believe the lies that I allowed to define me for so long. The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.**



TESTIMONIES CONTINUE ON REVERSE

My wife, Michelle, the staff, students, and I thank each of you for your prayers and contributions to this ministry. You are helping us in a great way with deliverances and salvations like you have just been reading about by our graduates. **Let us continue to move forward together in 2018 to see many more delivered from sin and the web of addiction, to serve our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks for your help.**

We love you, pray for you, thank God for you, and trust that you and yours will have a blessed and happy new year in Christ Jesus our Lord. May health, healing, salvation, prosperity, and happiness be yours in Him.

Your Friend and Dear Brother in Christ,
Phil & Michelle McClain
Director

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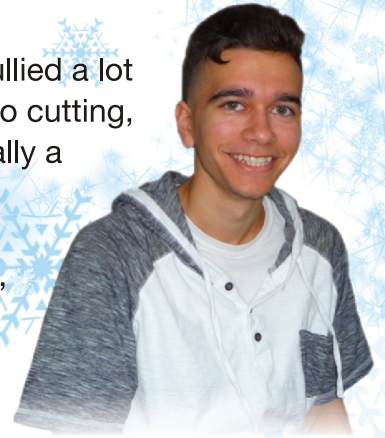
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Jaleesa Cox - At a young age, my sister and father both died, and I felt like I was losing my mother as well. I started to seek acceptance from all the wrong people and things: abusive relationships

with men, drugs and alcohol. I loved the feeling for a while, but became very depressed and hopeless. Thankfully, God brought me out of my bondage and led me to Teen Challenge. I now have a relationship with Him! **"...I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."**
~Matt. 17:20 NLT

Tony Slate - I was bullied a lot in school, which led to cutting, drinking, and eventually a bad pill and cocaine addiction. I began smoking pills in 2016, after my fiancée left me and I discovered my daughter wasn't mine. While locked up for the fifth time in a year, facing 2 to 5 years in prison, I knew I needed help. My mom talked to my probation officer about Teen Challenge. **When I first got here, I wouldn't talk to or look at anyone. After 2 weeks, I accepted Christ into my life and slowly began to open up to God and people. Now, I'm following God's call on my life.**

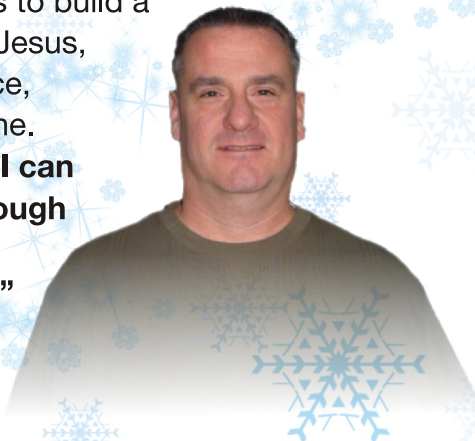


Lisa Bennett - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" Alcoholism took me down a very dark path. After 14 years of living in hell and a final unsuccessful suicide attempt, my sister brought me to Teen Challenge. Here, God has done a tremendous work

in me! He has restored my health and is restoring my mind. I am gaining back everything the devil has taken away from me. **I am not a victim, I am victorious!**

Jeffery Lewis - Before coming to Teen Challenge, I was a party animal. This led me into the throes of alcohol addiction, which caused severe depression, anxiety, hopelessness, and despair. Teen Challenge gave me the tools to build a relationship with Jesus, giving me patience, love, and discipline.

Phil. 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



**BUT THANKS BE TO GOD,
WHICH GIVETH US THE
VICTORY THROUGH
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Joseph Zagaroli - I had no excuses for my actions growing up, but a few back injuries led me down a dark road. For years, my only true relationship was with pain pills. After a failed marriage and yet another encounter with the law, I came into Teen Challenge a broken man. Praise the Lord for using Teen Challenge to make me whole again. **"And in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority."** ~Col. 2:10 NIV

