

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

Are you seeing and living your life in the light of eternity? In Romans 6:23 we are told, "for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord." **Eternal life** is a gift from God. It began the moment we got saved and will never end. In the ages to come, we will live eternally with the Lord. Righteousness and holiness in eternity are the standard; there is only goodness and no evil. Knowing these things, does it not cause you to keep a spiritual focus throughout each day? Life is only temporary. Our real home is in heaven where we will be with Jesus forever. And yes, we as Christians will receive crowns or rewards. These crowns are important to the Lord or they wouldn't be in the Word. As we cast our crowns at Jesus feet, they are our way of saying thank you for all He has done for us. We are in preparation here to live in our heavenly home. Not only this, but Jesus wants to be our constant companion for all eternity! Isn't that amazing? As we walk in relationship with Jesus, eternity will take root in our soul and we will begin to see the world through different eyes. Trials will seem trivial and blessings more obvious. Romans 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." II Cor. 4:17, "For our light afflictions, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." So look up, your redemption draweth nigh!

GRADUATE TESTIMONIES



Lindsey Callihan – My name is Lindsey Callihan. I am 21 and I'm from Davidsville, Pennsylvania. I grew up in a very loving Christian family. I began partying with my friends in middle school. In 10th grade I met a boy who introduced me to the world of drugs. This led to an IV addiction to both oxycontin and heroin that completely took over my life. I arrived at Teen Challenge completely broken without any hope. I thank God for His grace and mercy. He has restored my relationship with my family and has given me contentment and peace. I look forward to a bright future that would not have been possible without the Lord! **2 Corinthians 12:10 - That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

Laurie Slater – My name is Laurie Slater from Lapeer, Michigan. I am 46 years old and have 5 children. My oldest child, Tiffany, passed away at the age of 11 years. In a blink of an eye, my world was shattered. I became dependent on drugs to cope. I could never get high enough to take away my pain. The drug dependency caused me to lose everything I owned and loved. I destroyed my family. Alone, racked with shame, grief, depression, and hopelessness, I thought the rest of my life would be this way. But, Jesus entered my life and freed me from sin and shame. I now have joy and peace. With the guidance of Teen Challenge I have a solid foundation to stand on Jesus Christ and His word. I look forward to my life and what the Lord has in store.



GRADUATION DATE IS NOVEMBER 1 – 7:00 PM – 440 PONTALUNA ROAD

CHRISTMAS FUND-RAISING BANQUET - HOLLAND

We have one final banquet of the year coming up. Our **Holland Christmas Banquet** is special and unique. This is one you will want to be sure to attend. Begin to invite guests now and phone in your reservations. If possible, fill a table of eight people or possibly two tables of sixteen. It will be an evening of great food, fellowship, student testimonies and inspiring music. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. *Adults only*. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there. R.S.V.P. to Cindy at 231.798.7927.

Holland Christmas Fund-Raising Banquet

November 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Beechwood Reformed Church
895 Ottawa Beach Road

YEAR-END GIVING

Many of you give faithfully throughout the whole year. Your giving is very important to us. However, many like to remember Teen Challenge with year-end giving. Any gifts large or small are most appreciated. To be receipted for 2012, your gift must be postmarked 2012.

As the year draws to a close and **Thanksgiving** is upon us, one of the things we are grateful and thankful for is your continual prayer and financial support. New people are ever coming into the program. Students continue to be delivered, changed and set free through Jesus Christ. Thank you for joining with us in this much-needed home missions ministry. To God be the glory. Great things He has done.

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