

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

The phones continue to ring here at Teen Challenge. People are seeking deliverance and freedom from addiction and a life of utter despair. Thank God for Jesus, the deliverer, savior, and life giver. I know that you are familiar with John 10:10 where Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The truth of this scripture is so powerful. Jesus is literally setting the captives free and filling their lives with His life and His glorious salvation. Those set free are bursting with joy and eager to study the Word of God and hide it in their heart. It is a joy to preach and teach to those so spiritually hungry and ready to receive. Please pray for us as we minister to these desperate, eager ones. They are learning a whole new life and lifestyle in Christ and Christianity. And they are excited about it. Praise the Lord!

GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

Hi! I'm Patrice Young, I'm 25 years old and I'm from Cambridge, Maryland. I was raised in a good Christian home. I began to rebel in my preteen years and was involved in countless fights. Eventually, I was expelled from school. At the age of 16, I became a mom. I began to experiment with drugs to help ease the stresses of being a teen mom. I later became heavily addicted to opiates. I lost everything; my apartment, my daughter, and basically my life. I heard about WMTC through a family member and knew that's where I needed to be. After another jail stint and pregnancy, I came into WMTC hardened, lost and broken. After a year of being fed God's precious Word, I have been transformed into a new creature in Christ! He's given me a new life! I'm now happy and secure and can be the woman of God that He has called me to be. I stand daily on John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."



I am Steve Spears. I'm 29 and from Fort Wayne, IN. I was raised in a great Christian family. In high school, I began to drift from my upbringing. These compromises led me down a path that ended in me being a heroin addict; fired from my job, kicked out of my home, and worrying that I was about to lose my marriage. I was hopeless. I came to Teen Challenge and the outlook of my life changed as soon as I surrendered my life to Christ. I now have hope, a restored marriage, a home to return to, and a future. Romans 8:38-39 tells me *nothing can separate me from the love of God*. I can't run fast enough. God had His hand out to me my whole life waiting for me to reach out to Him. Thank God I did!!!

We made it! Hi there! My name is John Kraysets. I am 28 years old, and I am from Youngstown, OH. I would just like to take this time to thank God for saving my life and giving me hope again. My addictions beat me down, but Teen Challenge taught me how to fight back through the Word of God. I truly am thankful, because without this ministry I would be dead or in jail. My favorite bible verse is James 1:8, *A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways*.



UPCOMING EVENTS !!

ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON

Saturday, July 16th

This is a great event. We usually have about 100 riders. We ride from Holland, MI to Grand Haven. Yes, it is a fundraiser. In fact, usually one of the best of the year. Riders must raise a minimum of \$150 to ride. However, some riders raise \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000 or more.

First, second and third place winners for raising the most finances will receive prizes such as an iPad, Bicycle, tickets to Unity Fest and more. After the ride, friends and family are invited to join us for the prize presentation, a brief evangelistic service, and a great BBQ. Please join us for the ride. For sponsorship forms or to sponsor a rider, call Teen Challenge at 231.798.729 and ask for Cindy, Barb or Brenna.

ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP

Friday, August 19th, here at Teen Challenge at 7:00pm.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you graduates. We have a common interest in One that binds us together in love and unity Jesus. For more information or to RSVP, contact Barb at (231)798-7927.

NATIONAL TEEN CHALLENGE CONFERENCE

Thank God for a national director, Joe Batluck, who is a humble, praying man who feels the need for a prayer emphasis at our national conference in Denver, Colorado in August. Please pray that it will be a great blessing to all directors and staff attending. Pray that revival will break out nationwide among all centers as a result of this conference.

Now, as I close this newsletter, let me tell each of you that I love you dearly in Christ. All of you are important to us. We know you are praying for us, and your monthly financial support is very meaningful. Thank you for your work of faith and labor of love for this ministry here at Western Michigan Teen Challenge. Again, all the staff, students and Michelle and I love you dearly. We are praying for you. Trust we will hear from you again this month. God bless!

In Christ's Love,
Phil & Michelle McClain

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