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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Recently, at Western Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge, we have been learning about **Koinonia**, a **Hebrew word for fellowship or one another**. Christian fellowship in the body of Christ is essential for it to grow. True Koinonia offers a place for encouragement, expression and understanding. It stirs up one another in love and support, along with deepening a body of believers in their capacity for compassion, service and character. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

The men and women at Adult & Teen Challenge are not just working on sober living. Rather, they are learning to love Jesus and to serve Him with their whole life; along with becoming disciples, serving their communities and sharing the gospel with those around them.

Sincerely,

Ron McClain *Executive Director*

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR HOUSE!

It was wonderful to see you and to show you around at our Fundraising Dinner. God is doing such an amazing work in the hearts of the men and women in the ministry! Thank you for visiting, worshipping with us, and for your generous support!

This event raised over \$20,000 and we are praising God for the family He has built to support this ministry! The total expense for our ministry each year is \$1.1 million, so please pray with us that God will continue to provide the needs to see lives transformed.

Thank you! You are a blessing!



I was consumed by worldly things, I used drugs and alcohol to put a bandage over the wounds that life created. I was diagnosed with depression, paranoia, schizophrenia, and anxiety. Because of that, I was not only drinking, but also taking pills. I was to the point that I was blacking out and staying up for weeks. Thank God for Adult & Teen Challenge for leading me to God and showing me what it is like to have a relationship with my Lord and Savior. My daughter is now seeking Jesus! Pastor Bill and I were able to baptize her in water. I am thankful that I can now be an example for my kids and show them that all we need is faith and trust in the Lord. Psalm 34:4 says, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; He delivered me from all my fears."

EMILIO RODRIGUEZ

I grew up in the meth epidemic. I started using at a really young age. It was a wild, violent and crazy lifestyle. I spent a lot of time behind bars. That is where Jesus found me! Now He has taken me from the icy, dark tundra I once lived in and transported me into the wonderful life of His Heavenly Kingdom. I will serve God for the rest of my days, because as my life verse says in Nahum 1:7, "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the days of trouble, and He knows them that trust in Him." I'm so grateful that I can now count myself as one who truly trusts in Him!





I came to Adult & Teen Challenge looking for change. I found it, but most importantly, I found Jesus. My whole life I have felt empty, never good enough, insecure, or broken. I know now that I am a beloved Son in whom He is well pleased. I am not what people say or what I did. I'm no longer a slave to shame, guilt, addiction or fear. I am whole! I am set free! I am redeemed! I am no longer a victim! I will walk in victory! Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

FRED HILL

ENCOURAGEMENT & PRAYER

We are so thankful for the "Koinonia" we have with you as well, our fellow prayer partners and supporters. It takes a community of many to minister to the lost and hurting. Thank you for joining us in the journey!

