

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

March 2015

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Dear Friends,

In Ecclesiastes 3:3 the Bible says (NLT), there is "a time to tear down and a time to rebuild." In Haggai 1:3, 8 and 14 the Lord spoke through Haggai the prophet saying, (v 8) "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified saith the Lord. (v 14b) And they came and did work in the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God." At the men's center here at Teen Challenge there have been many needed repairs. It has been about 15 years since there has been major fixing up. Staff and students alike have been working to bring about many changes.

1. Main Office: Repainting, carpeting and refurnishing of certain office stations.
2. Men's Office: Repaint, carpeting and equipment.
3. Chapel: Repair drywall, paint, carpet and new chairs.
4. Three Other Office Areas: Carpet, paint, and spruce up.
5. Class Room: Repaint and new carpet.
6. Replace major water line for drainage to keep water from flooding our lower dorms.
7. New carpet in the dorm that had been flooded several times. (Problem is fixed.)

Most of the work is done, and the carpet will be laid within the week. Praise the Lord.

Last week we went down to Nashville to lay down the basic rhythm tracks for our new recording. Next week we are to go back and put our voices on. I believe the new CD will be a great blessing to many. We covet your prayers for the completion of the project. Music is a great means of communicating the love of Jesus Christ to the people.

MARCH GRADUATES

The graduation service is March 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Teen Challenge. Everyone is welcome.



Sarah Shiver

Eric Ross

Missy Sparks

Lucy Ellen Atkins

Jen Galentine

Greg Myszak

Andy VanBeck

UPCOMING SPRING BANQUETS

Muskegon Banquet

March 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Maranatha Bible
Conference Grounds
4759 Lake Harbor Road
Muskegon, Michigan

Grand Rapids Banquet

April 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm
First Assembly of God
2100 Forty-Fourth Street
Grandville, Michigan

Please attend at least one of these banquets, and bring a friend. We would appreciate you serving as a banquet captain and fill one or two tables of 8 or 16, or more with guests who need to know about Teen Challenge and who could be a financial blessing to the ministry. Hope to see you there. R.S.V.P. Amber at 231-798-7927.

Do continue to stand with us in prayer for the many, many people who are addicted to drugs, alcohol and other sinful vices. Pray for Michelle and I and all the staff laboring in behalf of the kingdom of God here at Teen Challenge. Your giving is vitally important and an essential part of this ministry. Great will be your reward in Heaven.

We love you and pray for you. May God provide all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Love and Prayers,
Phil & Michelle McClain

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GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

My name is Andy. For most of my life I tried to serve God, but my Christian walk was lukewarm. My sinful desires led me down a dark path of addiction to painkillers and alcohol. Guilt, shame and frustration dominated my life and made me ineffective as a husband and a father. I thank God for showing me grace and mercy. He delivered me from the chains of addiction. I look forward to living out His plan for me and to being the husband and father He has called me to be.



My name is Greg Myszak. I was raised by wonderful parents who taught me right from wrong and took me to church. I felt the call of God from a young age, but ignored Him. Setting out to do things my way, I went through 20 years of drug addiction, struggle, heartache and loss. In February, 2014, God spoke to me during what should have been a fatal overdose of heroin. He said, "Let go and let me." God made a way for me to come to Teen Challenge. I came to Teen Challenge just to get off drugs, but I got so much more.

My name is Lucy Ellen. Two years ago, I cried out to God for help and He brought me to Teen Challenge. Through many tantrums, and even more disciplines here at Teen Challenge, I find this adventure has come to an end. Even more so I have come to know the love and grace of God is far greater than I have ever imagined.



My name is Missy Sparks. As a young girl, I knew the Lord had a plan for my life. However, a series of seemingly small compromises opened a door to the devil. Fear and pride began to control my life, and those "small" compromises escalated into much larger ones. I became a thief and a liar. My addiction to opiates, amphetamines and cocaine along with my reckless lifestyle ended up destroying my marriage and family. I came to Teen Challenge hopeless and broken. Jesus saved me, changed me and replaced the lies of the devil with the truth of His word.



My name is Sarah Shiver. At 16, I started compromising to fit in and be popular. Eventually I became addicted to all kinds of drugs, mostly opiates. I became a drug dealer and got in trouble with the law. Through rehab, my opiate addiction was controlled, but I started using and manufacturing meth which led to my arrest. After being released I was on house arrest and in a Teen Challenge outpatient program. But I fooled everybody and was arrested a second time on meth charges. I lost everything. Since arriving at Western Michigan Teen Challenge, I am learning to be led by the Holy Spirit and have the mind of Christ.



My name is Jen Galentine. At the age of 13, I found myself using crystal meth with my parents. I sought out love in relationships that only left me more damaged. I became an IV drug user and was enslaved by the devil. But God...through the ministry of Teen Challenge...saved my life and my soul. I have been freed from bondage and the power of darkness. I have received the hope of glory.

My name is Eric. Much of my youth I felt that I didn't belong and sought acceptance through the party scene. Trying to find happiness in this world eventually led to a heroin addiction. I used it to numb me mentally and physically when nothing else would satisfy. I came to Teen Challenge from jail, convinced that nothing could change my life. Teen Challenge took the world out of my eyes and helped me find an answer in Jesus Christ.

