

# WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

We serve a wonderful, amazing God. He does all things well. Truly, He will never leave us, nor forsake us. He has been our guide. He has taken good care of us. He has supplied all our needs. He has put food on our table. He has kept us healthy, given us energy and strength. It is a good thing to serve the Lord and to give Him praise. We thank Him for what He has already done and what He will do in the future. And all you folks on our mailing list are a part of the blessings here at Teen Challenge.

God has delivered and healed the drug addict, the alcoholic. He has taken the wayward sinner, given Him direction and a future. Jer. 29:11 (NLT) says, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." This scripture comes true again and again in all of our lives. So we praise Him and give Him thanks. Heb. 13:15, "By Him (Jesus our High Priest) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." And my dear friend in Christ, God will take good care of you. So rejoice and give Him thanks.

## You Are Invited!

### UPCOMING SPRING BANQUETS

#### Muskegon Banquet

March 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm  
Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds  
4759 Lake Harbor Road

#### Grand Rapids Banquet

April 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm  
First Assembly of God  
2100 Forty-Fourth Street  
Wyoming, Michigan 49519

Will you please attend one or both of these banquets and perhaps host a table of eight or more? R.S.V.P. Cindy at 231-798-7927.

## GRADUATES



AUSTIN MCELROY

AMBER DOVER

MISTY LATSCH

NICK DEBOER

## STUDENT TESTIMONY

My name is Ashley Webster. I am 24 years old from Cookeville, TN. I grew up in a very unstable, abusive home. My father and mother were both alcoholics. I witnessed a lot of hurt, pain and violence at a young age. By the age of 12, I started to experiment with alcohol and marijuana. At age 13, I saw my father stab a man nearly to death. This left me with a lot of fear. By age 17, I was pregnant and tried to quit using, but I was already bound by pain pills and anything that would help me escape reality. I became an IV meth user...lost and hopeless. I ended up in jail. I came to Teen Challenge and I've been totally transformed from a miserable existence to everlasting life. I have a true peace and joy. **Isaiah 44:72, "I have removed your sins like a cloud, scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free."**



Thank God for all the miracles He has done in the lives of all of us here at Teen Challenge...staff and students alike. We serve a God of miracles. I thank God for how He has blessed each of you on our mailing list. And you have turned around and blessed us here at Teen Challenge with your financial gifts and prayers. Thank you for your gifts of love and liberality. And we pray God's richest blessings be upon you continually. And may He keep you healthy, strong, and in victory. To Him be the highest praise. God is worthy - His name be praised!

In Christ's Service with Love and Prayers,  
Phil & Michelle McClain

*Phil & Michelle McClain*





## GRADUATE TESTIMONIES



My name is Nick DeBoer. I am 21 years old from Grandville, MI. I was born into a very loving Christian home and raised in church. I knew of God, but never had a personal relationship with Him. At the age of 14, I started into the drinking and party lifestyle that very quickly spiraled out of control. After being arrested multiple times, spending 3 months in county jail, and losing everything important to me, I finally hit rock bottom. I was given the chance to come to Teen Challenge. Since being in the program, God has done a mighty work in my life. He has changed me inside and out, making me into the man of God I was meant to be. I thank God every day for saving my life and for giving me a second chance. The verse I stand on is **Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to the world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God."**

My name is Amber Dover. I am 21 years old from Mishawaka, IN. I grew up in an extremely loving family. Before sin took over my life I did well in school and loved playing sports. I had dreams of receiving a scholarship and playing basketball in college. At age 16, I began drinking and by the age of 19 I was an IV heroin user. I



completely lost myself and became the person I said I would never be. I came to Teen Challenge as a non-believer; empty, hopeless and confused. Through this program the Lord has broken the chains of addiction in my life and has given me a new hope, joy and a fulfilled future. Jesus is my everything today. All glory, honor and praise to Him. **Isaiah 40:31, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (NIV)**