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Dear Friends,

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to impact everyday life, we thank you for your continued support and wish you and your community health and peace. Like most organizations and ministries Western Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge is facing new challenges. As we adapt to these unprecedented circumstances, we'll continue to serve our students in every way the Lord enables us. We thank you for your many prayers and support!!

We minister to a population that needs Christ. We trust that God will honor our efforts and protect us at Western Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge. As we know, hardship enhances addiction. Since the lifting of the lockdown we are seeing a great influx of new students. It's important for us to continue ministering during this crisis in our country as God has called us to do. In order to do that, we need your help!

Adjustments we have had to make is to cancel our Annual Bike-A-Thon fundraiser and are continuing to postpone our weekly ministry in churches. We find ourselves again in the position to have to make the hard decision to cancel our annual Fall Fundraising Banquets on October 8 and October 29. We rely heavily on these events to support our ministry. This is where you can help! Please pray about giving above your normal amount in order for us to make up for that loss. Your support is always a blessing to us.

While all of us are facing great challenges at this time, we hope that you can find some peace knowing that lives are being changed because of your generosity. We are trusting the Lord to provide in this time that we have had to make alternate plans. We know that He is faithful in His provisions. **Philippians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."**

Thank you always for your support and prayers.

SEPTEMBER GRADUATES



RICK MARTIN – It wasn't until coming to Teen Challenge that I was able to thank God for giving me power and strength to escape the darkness that plagued my life. I now realize that I was in a fight for my life and Satan was using my own destructive behaviors to try and kill me. Alcohol and drugs were only a side show. I was a slave. I thank God and Teen Challenge for opening my eyes and mind to the years of sinful behaviors that were weighing me down and driving me deeper into a state of denial, depression, and destruction. **"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3**

JESSICA MANSKE – I was dependent on drugs and alcohol for 14 years. I used substances to cope with depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts that I struggled with since childhood. One night back in August 2019 I cried out to God for help. I asked Him to please save me from my addiction and from myself. He brought me to Teen Challenge. I was introduced to the power of the Holy Spirit, and now my daily dependence is on God the Father, Jesus the Son and the beautiful Holy Spirit. Praise God I'm free at last! **"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2**



COURTNEY SOTO – I began drinking at a young age and viewed life as one party after another. I struggled to maintain friendships or relationships because I was always more focused on "fun" than on real connections. Drinking controlled my life, but I failed to realize that it was destructive. After a messy divorce in my mid-20s, my addiction worsened as I used alcohol to cover my emotions. I was able to hide it initially, but eventually it caught up to me. My physical and mental health declined steadily. I could no longer hold a job and became completely dependent on alcohol to function. Life felt hopeless. A few months into the program I fully surrendered to the Lord. Since that day I have not been the same! My heart has been transformed by God's love, and now I am filled with love for others. **"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Col. 1:13-14**



Right now we could definitely use your financial help. We will miss not seeing all of you since we will not be having our regular Fall Banquets. But, may God bless you and know that we love each of you very much.

My wife, Michelle, and I thank you for standing with us during these hard times. Please continue to pray for us and to give to this needed ministry. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

In Christ's Service,
Phil & Michelle McClain

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