

Dear Friends,

I am thankful that God has given us these many years to labor in behalf of His kingdom through the ministry of Western Michigan Teen Challenge. God has been faithful every step of the way. Addicts, alcoholics and others with life-controlling problems are daily being set free. They are experiencing the glorious salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for partnering with us.



New landscaping to divide our multi-purpose building at the men's center from the staff apartment complexes. Beautiful!



The total remodeling of our seven dormitories at the men's center continues. Ken, Greg and the men in the program are doing a phenomenal job.

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**Saturday, June 17, 2017**

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 \$200 to ride. However, some raise thousands to win prizes. First, second and third place winners for raising the most finances will receive prizes.

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 231.798.7927 and ask for David or Zach. You may also sign up online at [www.wm-tc.com](http://www.wm-tc.com).

## Graduate Testimonies

**Alex Naughton:** I'm 23 years old, from Pontiac, MI. I was raised by two awesome, Christian parents. We went to church every Sunday, and I was baptized at the age of 13. Shortly after that, I started to hang out with the wrong group of kids and began drinking and eventually smoking marijuana. Over the next few years, many of my friends died due to drugs and alcohol. This led me down a dark path of depression. I turned my back on God and started to put my faith and trust in money, drugs, women, and materialistic things. I ran into trouble with the law, was placed on probation, and eventually ended up in jail. I struggled with submitting myself to authority. Even though I turned my back on God, He still had His hand upon me through it all. He delivered me and brought me to Teen Challenge to restore my relationship with Him and my family. As Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."



**Josh Cain:** I am 34 years old and have struggled with my identity my whole life. Until the age of eight, I grew up with my mom, who struggled with addiction. She did whatever she had to do to support her habit, which led to a lot of abuse and neglect towards me. Eventually, I was taken out of that situation, but the abuse and neglect left a lasting impression on me and left me looking to other people to fill that hole in my life. When I turned 18, I got married, thinking I had finally found the answer and this would take away the pain. It worked for a little while, but soon I found that she was having an affair. This brought me face to face with the pain and neglect once again. It is so exhausting trying to be what everyone else wants you to be. I just wanted to stop feeling. A friend introduced me to heroin, which seemed to take away the pain; but addiction would consume what was left of my life, until I thought more of death than life and tried to commit suicide. Just when I thought there was no hope, my father told me about Teen Challenge. Because of God and Teen Challenge, I know who I am in Him, and that has forever changed my life.

Graduation is Friday, June 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Western Michigan Teen Challenge.

I want to say a special word of thanks to all of you who pray for this ministry and generously support this ministry with your financial giving. May God richly bless you. All the staff, students and Michelle and I are humbly grateful for your faithfulness. We love you and you are in our prayers. Our prayer is that God will bless you in every area of your life, and that He will bless your children and grandchildren.

One day soon we will all meet around the throne of God and be with Him throughout the endless ages. What a day that will be!

*Pat & Michelle Malin*

