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Dear Friends,

Thank God for His mercy and compassion that He showers upon us to carry out this ministry of Teen Challenge. **Without Him we can do nothing, but we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.**

The only hope for the drug addict and alcoholic is the cross of Jesus Christ. It was there that Jesus paid the price through His shed blood for their deliverance, freedom, and salvation. **If people will come by way of the cross, they will be helped and blessed.** It's our privilege to bring Jesus to the desperate. It's a joy to watch Jesus revolutionize their lives. We plan to bring as many as possible to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Pray for us as we bring the story of redemption to the lost. Pray for us, and pray for those we minister to.

**Shawna**, our women's supervisor, reports that she sees such a move of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of our female students, and it reveals such a depth in their love for Christ. She sees a real desire in the girls to change. **Pastor David**, our men's supervisor, reports that God is healing families at the men's center. We have seen marriages restored. Men are on their knees at our altars seeking God, and He is healing their lives.

## Graduate Testimonies

**Loren Karnowski:** After a lifetime of searching for meaning and purpose in the world, I was left empty and hopeless, but an encounter with God's love changed my life. He broke my chains, transformed my mind, and renewed my strength. In Him, I found my identity.

**Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in afflictions, faithful in prayer."**



**Karri Embach:** The abuse I endured as a child left me believing I was worthless and that there was something wrong with me - which led to a revolving door of prison, violence, and drugs. I gave up on

life and found myself completely out of my mind and living in a tent in the woods in Alaska. After being arrested again, I cried out to God to show me He was real. The Lord delivered me that day from my addiction to meth and heroin. Instead of another lengthy prison sentence, I was given the opportunity to come to Teen Challenge. God has begun to heal me. I now have a life worth living! **Ezekiel 36:26, "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart."**

**Becky Jones:** I used alcohol to cover feelings of rejection, not fitting in, insecurities and loneliness. I felt alone even in a roomful of people. I was truly

blessed to have been adopted by a wonderful Christian couple, but I believed Satan's lies. After my first drink I was addicted. I eventually hated the thought of drinking and hated myself for drinking. God led me to Teen Challenge, and He has been faithful to restore. God has removed the roots that have grown deep since childhood and filled me with more of Him. It's no longer about me, but all about Him. **Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."**



## Upcoming Banquets

### GRAND RAPIDS

**First Assembly of God Church Gymnasium**

2100 44th Street, Wyoming, MI

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. - Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

### MUSKEGON

**Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds**

4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. - Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Reservations are needed.  
RSVP to Nikki at 231.798.7927.

Michelle and I look forward to seeing you at one of these banquets.

We are thankful for the life changes that continue to transpire among the students. Michelle and I thank each of you for your prayer and financial support for this ministry. You are very important to us. We love you and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Christ for the sake of the gospel,  
Phil & Michelle McClain  
Executive Director

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