

# WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

The scripture teaches us in Colossians 2:15 that Jesus spoiled (disarmed) principalities and powers (Satan and his forces). He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. In Colossians 1:13-14 we are taught that God has delivered us (we Christians) from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption (deliverance and freedom) through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. In 1 Corinthians 15:57 the scripture says, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." And then in 2 Corinthians 2:14 the Word says, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..."

Our students have been delivered from the power of Satan, from all their drug and alcohol addictions. They are translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son. The devil's power has been defeated in their lives. They are new creatures in Christ Jesus. Their old sin life has passed away; and all things are become new. Now they move forward in their new life in Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank God, they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them. They are free through Christ and His precious blood. Thank God for Calvary, the cross, where Jesus triumphed over the devil and provided victory for every child of God.

**Ryan VanDyke** - I was a slave to alcohol and a number of different drugs. I lost everything, most importantly my relationship with God. While at Teen Challenge I found my true identity in Christ Jesus. I'm no longer a slave to sin, but freed and covered by the blood of Jesus.

**Angelique Cline** - When I came to Teen Challenge I was broken and full of years of sin. I was utterly consumed with an addiction to heroin that led me down a road I could never have imagined. After an attempt to end my life I came to the end of myself. The Lord started to gently guide me into His safe embrace. Today I have peace and rest. Praise God the chains are broken and I am free!

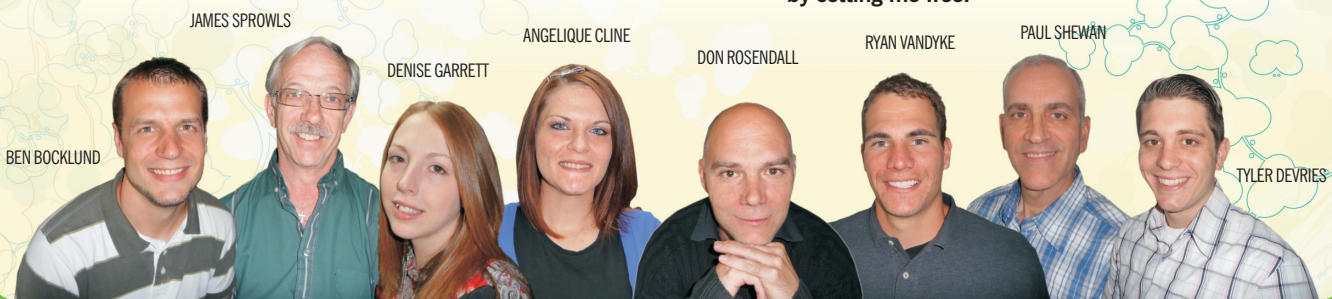
**Ben Bocklund** - When I was a young teen, I started to drink and use drugs and this became my life. At 20 years old, I was found on the side of the road overdosed from drinking. Then at the age of 26, I overdosed on Heroin. In May of 2012, I had no hope at all and I wanted nothing but for my life to end. By God's grace and His love I came to Teen Challenge. God's word changed my life and healed me. Now I have hope. Praise Him!

**Tyler DeVries** - I was brought down to my lowest in the blink of an eye. I went from being a student at a prestigious college to a delinquent. Drug use has brought me nothing but bondage, brokenness and beguilement. I found myself alone in a jail cell with nothing but my thoughts and a Bible. My family brought me to Western Michigan Teen Challenge, and today Jesus Christ and God's word are the very foundation of my life. I am secure in Him.

**Don Rosendall** - Drug and alcohol use started at the age of 9. Thirty one years later I came through the doors of Teen Challenge. By the grace of God, I can now live a peaceful life. Lamentations 3:57 - "Yes, you came when I called: you told me, "Do not fear.""

**Paul Shewan** - One year ago I came to Teen Challenge. I was broken, in bondage, living an immoral lifestyle. Jesus Christ has set me free! Depression, sin, and bondages are gone. I am free in Christ.

**Denise Garrett** - My name is Denise. I am 24 years old from Monterey, Tennessee. By 13 years old I was abusing drugs on a regular basis. I started getting into trouble at school and was on medications for depression. I was put in mental hospitals, a juvenile detention, state's custody, secular rehabs, and then jail. I was on my way to prison when I cried out to the Lord. God has renewed my mind, set me free from bondage, and restored my innocence that sin had destroyed. He has healed me from the inside out. I have found in Him what I have searched for my whole life. He had taken my mess and made it a message. Psalms 118:5 - "**In my anguish I cried out to the Lord and he answered me by setting me free.**"



## Fund Raising Banquets

We are thankful to God for the well-attended 2013 spring fund raising banquets held in Muskegon and Grand Rapids. They were powerful nights of student testimonies giving praise to God. We appreciate all who participated in making these events successful.

## Bike-A-Thon

Our 35th Annual Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. If you would like to participate in this fun-filled day by riding from Holland to Grand Haven or by sponsoring a rider, please call John McKinnon at 231.798.7927. The families of students are welcome to join us after the bike ride at 3:00 pm for activities and a picnic.

## Alumni Fellowship

Alumni, please join us for our summer Alumni Fellowship on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm at Teen Challenge. If you know someone who graduated from Teen Challenge, please encourage him or her to attend. If you are a graduate, please join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and encouragement. We look forward to seeing you! R.S.V.P. to Cindy, 231.798.7927.

We sing a chorus at Teen Challenge, "I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new man. Old things are passed away, I've been born again. More than a conqueror, that's who I am. I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new man." Oh how true! Thanks to Jesus.



Thank you, who are on our mailing list, for being there to pray for us and for your financial gifts. Your monthly contributions are very important to us. May God bless you for your love and faithfulness. We love you.

Yours, Serving Christ,

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