

# WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

Jesus, all the way through the Bible, has been portrayed as a miracle worker. His first miracle in the Gospels is at the wedding in Cana of Galilee where He turned the water into wine. The Book of Matthew tells us He went about all Galilee healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. It says they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those that were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy, and He healed them. He healed the lepers, the blind, the lame, and the maimed. He calmed the sea, and raised the dead in the city of Nain. Jesus performed miracle after miracle and He is still performing miracles today.

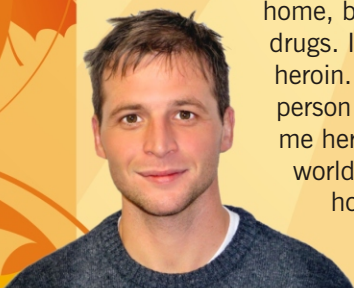
Read of the wasted, defeated, tormented lives that Jesus totally restored and healed here at Teen Challenge. He is still a miracle worker.

## STUDENT TESTIMONIES



My name is Holly Johnson. I am 28 years old from Muskegon, Michigan. I grew up in a loving Christian family. Before reaching high school my parents got divorced. From there I started drinking alcohol. Years flew by, and I moved to Baltimore, Maryland where I became heavily addicted to pain pills and heroin. My life was dark, cold and miserable. I thought my life was useless. Little did I know my liver was failing. With the small amount of hope I had left, I came into Teen Challenge. God instantly placed His hands over me, healing my body from the inside out. His grace and mercy is so sufficient! Every day I am amazed by the joy in my heart and the restoration in my family. I'm loving my new Christian life!

My name is Jen Galentine. I'm 24 from Sparta, Tennessee. From a very young age I fell in love with the world and the streets. I was raised by drug addicted parents, and by the age of 13 I was using methamphetamine with them. It wasn't long before I overdosed on prescription pain pills. I had no one to turn to and no foundation. I began to use IV drugs. I turned to the world, drugs and people to fill the void in my heart. I was left bitter and alone. Until I came to Teen Challenge where I met Jesus. He got ahold of my heart and changed me forever. He delivered me from the powers of darkness. I experienced the power of God's great love, and I'll never be the same. So I say with confidence, "...The Lord is my helper: I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (Heb. 13:6)



My name is Eric Ross. I am 30 years old from Upper Sandusky, Ohio. I was raised in a good home, but I sought acceptance from friends. My desire to fit in led to me to experiment with drugs. It started small, but soon snowballed out of control until I was lost, broken and a slave to heroin. I would do almost anything to get the drug. I even ended up stealing from the only person who never lost hope in me, my mother. She found Teen Challenge for me and brought me here from jail. This ministry has done for me what I could never do for myself. It took the world out of my eyes long enough to show me the life that Jesus Christ had for me. A life of hope, deep joy and love. I gave up on my life many times before. But finally giving up on myself and giving it all to Jesus is when I finally found freedom and acceptance. "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

## BANQUETS

The Grand Rapids and Muskegon Banquets this fall were phenomenal. There was a great presence of God in both of them. They were certainly financially beneficial. The one in Muskegon was especially well attended with a lot of enthusiasm and joy.

Upcoming Holland Christmas Banquet (Unique/Different)  
Thursday, December 4, 2014 - Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

### Beechwood Reformed Church

895 Ottawa Beach Road, Holland, MI 49424

Please mark this date on your calendar. Will you attend and perhaps host a table of eight or more? We look forward to hearing from you. Adults only. For reservations, call Cindy at 231.798.7927.

## YEAR-END GIVING

It's time to think about year-end giving. As you do, please remember Western Michigan Teen Challenge. Begin to pray about it now, and let the Lord lead you.

Can you believe it? Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's is just around the corner. We are looking forward to continually being active in the whitened harvest field gathering souls for the kingdom of God. Too, we thank God for the many, many souls that are being brought to Christ through street evangelism, school programs, jail ministry and the live-in program.

Please pray for us as we encounter spiritual warfare as we purpose to win the lost and disciple those won to Christ. You are a great blessing to us spiritually and financially.

We love you, need you,  
and pray for you.

In Christ's Service,  
Phil & Michelle  
McClain



## GRADUATES

My name is Jehu Trumbly. I'm 25 years old from Sparta, Tennessee. I was raised in a Christian home with two amazing parents that tried their best to show me the Lord. Growing up I was looking for acceptance and who I was. I looked for it in everything and found it in nothing. The party scene quickly became a big part of my life; and when drugs and alcohol were introduced to me, I felt like I was finally a part of something. Eventually I could not feed the monster I was facing, and the lifestyle that I chose controlled my life. I wasn't just facing a drug addiction, I was facing a lifestyle of sin. When I gave my life to Jesus, He not only forgave me but He set me free and saved me from death. Psalms 68:20, "Our God is a God of salvation and to God, the Lord, belongs deliverance from death." I am alive from the dead, and I give the glory and praise to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



My name is Sam Fezzey. I'm from Detroit, Michigan. I had every chance in the world to choose a life of serving God. Instead I became engulfed in what the world had to offer. I found an identity in a life of partying, using, and selling drugs. It became who I was and all I knew. However, God never gave up on me. He tried to intervene in my life many times through encounters with the law and many other ways. Still, I never woke up. Finally God got my attention. I truly repented of all my sin and left my old life behind. Today I am running hard after God. 1 Sam. 12:20-21, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty."



My name is Tim Smith. I'm from Bucyrus, OH. I grew up in a wonderful family. By the age of 21, I was married with 2 beautiful children, and I was on my way to being successful in the world's eyes. But something was missing, and my addiction ended my marriage and nearly my life. Through many trips to jails and rehabs, I came to Teen Challenge, and this is where I found what I was missing, Jesus Christ. I have been set free. I am no longer in bondage. Amen! Psalm 143:10, "Teach me to do Thy will for Thou art my God. Thy Spirit is good. Lead me into the land of uprightness."



My name is Becky Myers. I'm 29 years old from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. I had a great childhood. When I became a teenager, I felt like I didn't fit in, and I became rebellious and began to drink and party. When I turned 18, I was introduced to Oxycontin which led me down a dark path. Eventually I became an IV opiate addict. I was broken and hopeless. I thank God each day for His grace and mercy in my life. Since coming to a saving knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ, God has begun to restore what the locusts have eaten. II Chron. 7:14 says, "If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

