

# WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear friends,

Here in the ministry of Teen Challenge we need the continual **strength and enablement** of the Lord. We realize we cannot do this ministry and be effective for God without His **help and strength**. Our Lord had told us in **John 15:5**, "Without me you can do nothing." In **Ephesians 6:10**, Paul said, "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." **Isaiah 40:29-31** says, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth **strength**. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their **strength**; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Though we get weary at times; as we wait upon the Lord, He renews our **strength**. And without Him, we can do nothing. **Philippians 4:13** says, "I can do all things through Christ which **strengtheneth** me." I want to encourage you in your time of difficulty in life to lean heavily upon the Lord and let Him be your **strength**. He will never fail you. In Christ you are more than a conqueror (**Romans 8:37**). "Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (**1 Corinthians 15:57**). "Thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ" (**2 Corinthians 2:14**). God delivered up His son for us; how shall he not with Him also freely give us all things? All that you need is found in Christ. He will be your constant **strength**.

## Graduate Testimonies

I'm Tracey Coy from Edwardsburg, MI. I have a great family who believes in the Lord. I found alcohol very early in life and really liked the effect. I began drinking occasionally, but over time it progressed until I had no control over the amount. Years later I tried every way humanly possible to stop drinking, I found that I couldn't do it in my own strength. When I came to the end of myself, the Lord opened my eyes to see that He was standing there with me, where He had always been. I came to Teen Challenge a year ago, and God has saved my life through this ministry. I want to thank Teen Challenge for pouring the word of God into me every day. **Psalm 199:11**, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (KJV)."



GRADUATE TESTIMONIES CONTINUED ON BACK

## New Recording Session Update

We are approaching the finish line for a new gospel recording project that we have been working on over the past several months. This has been an extensive project, and God has been with us every step of the way! We are in process of adding brass and string sections to the track. The Lord is doing a good work, and we are hoping to have the new CD available by the end of August. This recording serves as a great ministry tool for the kingdom of God and for His glory. We thank God for those who have given specifically to this project. We will continue to take pre-orders for the new CD, and when it comes we will send it to you.

## Necessary Repairs

A church supplied the finances for us to be able to install two new furnaces and air conditioners. A much needed repair!

## Alumni Fellowship - Friday, July 17th here at Teen Challenge at 7:00pm

We are looking forward to seeing many of you graduates. We have a common interest in One that binds us together in love and unity – Jesus. For more information or to R.S.V.P. contact Amber (231)798-7927.

Thank you for standing with us all these years with your prayers and financial support. You are a great blessing to us. Drug addicts and alcoholics are being saved, delivered, and set free on an ongoing basis. We love you, need you, and appreciate you. May God bless you richly.

Love and Prayers,  
Phil & Michelle McClain

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My name is Tammy Hobbs, from Manchester, TN. I grew up in a loving Christian home. I began drinking alcohol at the age of 16, and it continued until I was 18. I then married a Christian man and we had children. When my youngest son started school I found myself bored and ended up turning back to alcohol. Drinking took me down a dark path that cost me my marriage and relationships with my children. It also resulted in legal trouble. I was on my way back to jail when God showed me mercy and opened the door for me to come to Teen Challenge. Since arriving here God has brought restoration in my relationships with my family. I believe God is my strength and hope, and I stand on **Romans 8:24, 25: "For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience (ESV)."**



My name is Holly Johnson. I'm 28 years old from Muskegon, MI. My parents divorced before I was in high school, which left me with bitterness and anger that I refused to deal with. I turned to drinking and drugs as an escape, and it took hold of my life. Addiction to pain pills and heroin led me down a miserable path, and I couldn't break free. That's when God showed up, pulled me out of the pit of despair, and placed my feet on solid ground. He delivered me and set me free; pouring out his love, forgiveness, and healing into my heart. He broke the chains of addiction, and He has given me the victory through Jesus Christ. I am excited for God's plan for my life. **Psalms 37: 23, 24: "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand (NIV)."**

My name is Derrick Watson. I'm 27 years old from Caledonia, MI. I grew up with wonderful parents and a family who loved and supported me. I knew about God, but when I turned 12, I began to use drugs and alcohol. After several run-ins with the law, multiple failed attempts at sobriety through secular rehab and AA, God gave me a sign. He led me to Teen Challenge, totally transformed me, and has filled me with the joy and peace that I have been searching for. He has totally changed my outlook and attitude towards life. All glory and honor to my Lord Jesus Christ! **1 Corinthians 9:24, 25: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize (NIV)."**



I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.