

Dear Friends,

2020 has been difficult days and hard times for a lot of us. 2 Timothy 3:1 says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." Perilous times speaks of evil, dangerous, harsh, fierce, difficult and violent times. We certainly must be living in the last days. **Jesus will soon come again and catch away His church. Be prayerful, watchful and ready.** We don't know exactly what we might go through, but **we know who holds the future!** And He has everything under control. God is with us and for us, and He will take care of us. He said, "He will never leave us or forsake us." Be strong in the Lord, and may your faith be strong.

However, welcome to the New Year! As 2020 comes to an end, and we are looking forward to what the Lord has for us in the next year, I think of the verse from Lamentations. "**Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.**" Lamentations 3:21-23



As I reflect on the newness of God in the New Year, I think of our students here at Western Michigan Teen Challenge. The Lord is giving them new life! I am so blessed to see how each one is pressing in and growing in faith. They have a new Godly perspective on life, a new joy, and a new strength.

CINDY, A GRADUATE, SHARES HER TESTIMONY

After fighting alcoholism for over 17 years and attending many rehabs, I came to Teen Challenge and God has changed my life; from a woman defeated to a woman of confidence and dignity. The Lord has directed my life from a path of despair to a path of goodness!

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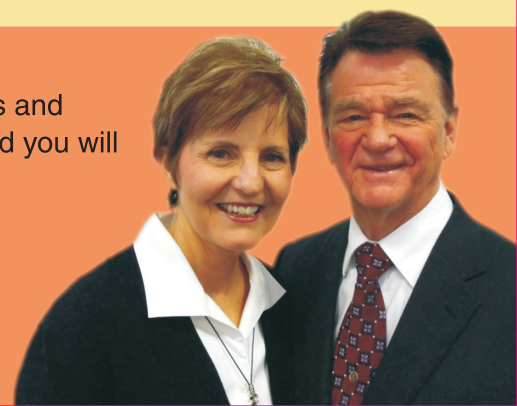
DEREK LYNN

When I was a little boy, I was abused mentally, physically and sexually by different foster families that I lived with. I would lock myself in the bathroom and God would always meet me and comfort me there. Before anybody told me about God, I knew Him! As I grew older, I fell away from my first love and started to numb myself with just about everything this world had to offer. But that has all changed since God has brought me to Western Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge. He has done an amazing work this past year; healing my wounds, and pouring His love into me more and more each day. **Above all things, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:14-15.**

Until Jesus comes, we want to be about our Father's business. Please pray for us and support the ministry as God enables you. Thank you very much! We love you, and you will be in our prayers. God bless!

Phil & Michelle McClain
Executive Director

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CANAAN DEMOREST

Although I grew up in a household centered on Christ, I chose to run from God and His calling on my life at a young age. I spent nearly 20 years in and out of jail, masking fear and depression with drugs and alcohol, and living a life that consisted of cheating, lying, stealing and manipulating to get my way. Coming to Western Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge has shown me how to seek God in all things and to gain a personal relationship with my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. Therefore don't**

worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:33, 34 CSB



MITCHELL WYATT

I am from Crosswell, Michigan, and I am 19 years old. Although I have not been on earth very long, I have done a lot of stupid. My testimony is similar to most. I abused drugs and alcohol excessively to hide from my guilt and the conviction of the Holy Spirit due to the homosexual life style I was living. I was not a Christian at that time, but I knew God existed because of my loving mother and father who taught me about God. I was not willing to surrender control to Jesus. I wanted things my way and in my time. Through being here at Teen Challenge and the work that Christ has done in me, Jesus has replaced the "I" in

my life. Jesus Christ is now Lord of my life. **"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5**



SEAN WILLIAMS

I grew up in a broken home. Both parents were alcoholics. As a young man I became rebellious and had a problem with authority. I began using drugs and drinking at a young age, and getting into trouble with the law. As an adult, alcohol and drugs dominated my life. Misdemeanors eventually became felonies. Jesus found me desperate, alone and locked away. His love penetrated my calloused heart, and He broke my chains of addiction. He faithfully walked with me to a place of refuge and filled me with His Spirit. **"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture**

hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:37-38



DARREN SLABAUGH

Before Teen Challenge I was a mess. Heroin and alcohol overtook me. I was broken, unhealthy, and spiritually dead. Teen Challenge was my last resort, or should I say Jesus was my last resort. Jesus Christ has changed my heart and restored my life! **"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20**