

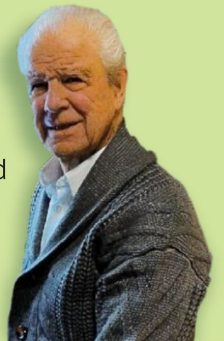
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It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. JOHN 6:63 (KJV)

I am so eternally grateful that I have the Holy Spirit within. My personal effort will usually lead to a dead end road. But the Spirit leads me...the Spirit helps me. Jesus says in John 14:26(KJV) **“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”** and in Romans 8:26 (KJV) **“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”** In my daily life, in my prayers, in my steps the Holy Spirit will hear me, help me, and lead me.

Our students here at Western Michigan Adult and Teen Challenge are learning to know the promptings of the Spirit. I encourage you also, as you pray and reflect on the Lord to recognize the Holy Spirit’s help in your life and to learn to lean on Him more.

I would also like to take this opportunity to honor my dear brother Curtiss McClain. He went to be with our Lord and Savior on January 26, 2023. Curt has been my brother, my friend and ministry partner in Teen Challenge. Curt has impacted so many lives with his love for Jesus and love for people. He will be greatly missed by us here at Western Michigan Adult and Teen Challenge, but I know he is celebrating with Jesus in Heaven.



STUDENT TESTIMONIES



BENITA MURPHY

My parents were absent most of my childhood, resulting in a lack of discipline, structure, guidance, love, etc. I have been to several rehabs, including a year at Teen Challenge. It was there that I learned to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and was fully delivered from an opiate addiction.

Several years later, and failing to surrender EVERYTHING to Jesus I found myself addicted to alcohol and cocaine. I am so thankful to God and His relentless love. I called Western Michigan Teen Challenge when I was desperate for help and wanting to change and I was welcomed with open arms. God is teaching me to LISTEN and to obey Godly counsel. I am learning to die daily to my flesh. Using drugs and alcohol have just been the bandaid to cover up what is going on within; anger, hurt, and past pains. This is my sixth month here and I am learning more about God’s word and how He is HEALING my heart. I am so thankful for His redeeming love! Galatians 2:20 **“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 faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”**

TERRY SIMPSON

I have been around drugs my whole life. Things started to spiral out of control after my mom passed away. It led me to places I didn’t want to go. I tried Teen Challenge once but I wasn’t ready to surrender my life to Jesus then. But God had different plans for me. God kept calling me in the 8 months after I left Teen Challenge. Since I have been back here God has saved my life. I thought I would never be able to remember any verses, but All Glory to God, now I know many. It is hard to give glory to anything but God. I thank God for Teen Challenge. I can look back now and see that God has always been there saving my life countless times. I love God so much now and what He is doing for me. I gave the evil one 49 years. Now the rest of my life will be God’s will for me. 1 John 4:7-8 says, **“let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”**



As we keep sharing the good news of God’s word, God keeps changing the hearts of the students here at Teen Challenge. Thank you all for being such a blessing to us. Your prayers and financial support mean so much to all of us! Thank you for caring and sharing. We pray also for you and your family, that you are blessed by the Lord.

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

