

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

In Romans 8:31 & 32 Paul says, "...if God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us **all things**?" The Lord gave us His best, His Son, that we might have fellowship with Him and eternal life. He saw our hopelessness and our need of Him. Therefore, He gave **all** to meet that need. Not only did He die for our sins in our place (taking our punishment), but He also rose from the dead that we might have a new life in Him. And not only did He rise from the dead, but He also sits at the right hand of the Father always watching over us and interceding to the Father for us. He has done so much for us and is still doing more than we could ask or think - **God is for us!** We can count on all of His promises in the Word of God. Num. 23:19 tells us, "...God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" There is so much help in the Word of God that we might enjoy the victorious, abundant life He wants us to have abundant life on this earth and for eternity in heaven. God's Word is working in each student bringing encouragement, strength and help for their lives daily. His Word also assures them of a home eternal in the heavens. God is worthy, His name be praised!

Graduates

Stephanie Murphy



Stacy Appiah



Tom Schroeder



Micah Klena



Stephanie Murphy - I am 21 years old from Smithville, Tennessee. At a very young age my childhood was taken from me. I grew up in a lifestyle of abuse and hate. I was put into foster care at the age of 4. I never felt loved. I turned to pills at the age of 16 to fill the void. Before coming to Teen Challenge I was very bitter and blamed everyone for what happened to me. God placed people in my life that would show me His love. Pastor Tim took me in and brought me to Teen Challenge; but after 5 months, I left and fell even harder. I realized my need for God so I came back to Teen Challenge. Since being here God has showed me how to love and be loved unconditionally. It's only by His grace that I'm here and alive in Him. He has given me a hunger for Him. I just want to help others that need that hope. 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." I have a love for God today that no one can take away.

Tom Schroeder - From the age of 13 I have been in a struggle with drug and alcohol addiction. For 30 years I felt as though I had control of my addiction; and, of course, I didn't. I've tried secular programs, which would work for a short while, if at all. The strain of my alcoholism on my family eventually cost me everything; my family, my home, and my job. I became so depressed that I attempted to take my life. God spoke to me and told me, "I have a greater plan for you." My brother brought me to Teen Challenge, and that was just the first step of HIS plan for me. Revelation 3:20 says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me." I am so thankful he waited for me. Teen Challenge has taught me to open that door and let God control my life. To Him be the "glory, honor and praise."

**Graduation date is Thursday, June 7, at 7:00 p.m.
at Teen Challenge. Everyone is welcome.**

Fund Raising Banquets

We are thankful to God for the well-attended 2012 spring fund raising banquets held in Muskegon and Grand Rapids. They were powerful nights of student testimonies and wonderful praise to God. We appreciate all who participated in making these events successful.

Bike-A-Thon

Our 34th Annual Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, June 23rd. 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 Scott Tadgerson or David Russell at 231.798.7927 or email scott@wm-tc.com. The families of students are welcome to join us after the bike ride for a picnic and activities.



The students at Teen Challenge are daily being taught the Word of God and how to apply it to their lives. The old sin habits are being broken and they are experiencing a new victorious, abundant life in Christ. Your prayers and giving bring you into this work. You have entered into our labors of seeing new life come forth in these students, to those who were once broken and hopeless. Now there is hope where seemingly there was no hope.

You are a very important part of this. All the staff at Teen Challenge, Michelle and I **thank you** for your faithful prayers and giving. May the blessing of the Lord be upon you!



Pat & Michelle McLean