

Dear Friends,

King David of Israel summoned the priests and Levite leaders to bring the Ark of the Lord to the place he had prepared for it in Jerusalem. The Ark represented the presence of the Lord. They brought the Ark of God and placed it inside the special tent David had prepared for it. When the Ark was in place, David sang a song of praise to God. In this song David sang these words concerning God and Israel: "I will give you the land of Canaan as your special possession." He said this when they were few in number, a tiny group of strangers in Canaan. They wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. Yet, He did not let anyone oppress them. He warned kings on their behalf: Do not touch my chosen people, and do not hurt my prophets. Let the whole earth sing to the Lord! **Each day proclaim the good news that He saves.**

Here at Teen Challenge of Western Michigan we are purposing to put Jesus first and give Him His rightful place. He has protected us and looked out for us every step of the way. (We give Him the glory and praise.) We continue to proclaim the good news that **Jesus saves**. The most desperate of sinners are being saved daily as we proclaim the good news. Drug addicts, alcoholics, derelicts and the morally impure are continually being delivered from their bondage to sin and Satan. Jesus Christ is setting them free. They are experiencing the glorious salvation of the Lord.

## Graduate Testimonies



**Angelina Bridges** - My name is Angelina; I'm 28 years old, and I'm from Battle Creek, MI. I lived most of my life believing I was unworthy, unloved and forgotten. I was separated from my birth parents when I was a baby due to reports of rape and abuse. Later I was adopted only to suffer even more abuse and neglect. I was 14 years old before anyone ever told me they loved me. By then I was so damaged I didn't know how to receive it. I began searching for love in all the wrong places, which led me to experimenting with drugs and alcohol. The last 14 years of my life, I searched aimlessly for something I couldn't find...a relationship with the Lord. Since coming to Teen Challenge, I have found that relationship with the Lord I always wanted. God has also restored my health, and my relationship with my daughter. For the first time in my life, I actually feel like I belong somewhere and that I matter. I thank God for this ministry. The verse I stand on is Hebrews 13:5, "...I will never leave you nor forsake you."

**Shannon Cowling** - My name is Shannon; I am 46 years old, from Ionia, MI. The Lord's voice was calling to set me free from shame, anxiety, depression and alcoholism. The aftermath from a childhood of sexual abuse was ready to take me out. I was never introduced to Jesus Christ and was doing the best I could in life. I had a good job and raised two sons, but the sense of hopelessness and having zero self-worth brought me to a life of sin. Alcohol was my master, and I eventually tried to end my life. Multiple rehab attempts and dozens of emergency room trips later, I came to Teen Challenge close to death. My withdrawals included alarming hallucinations, so the staff and my sisters prayed for me, and God delivered me. I am a new creature today! My savior promises in Galatians 5:22, to bless me with ongoing gifts of love, peace, joy and goodness. Now I listen each day to the voice of my God, and I claim victory!



Spring Fund-Raising Banquets Are Over

**Thanks to everyone who helped make these events special and a great blessing to Teen Challenge.**



Grand Rapids



Muskegon

## 2017 Bike-A-Thon

Saturday, June 17, 2017

This is a great event. We usually have about 100 riders. We ride from Holland, MI to Grand Haven. Yes, it is a fundraiser. In fact, usually one of the best of the year. Riders must raise a minimum of \$200 to ride. However, some raise thousands to win prizes. First, second and third place winners for raising the most finances will receive prizes.

After the ride, friends and family are invited to join us for the prize presentation, a brief evangelistic service, and a great BBQ. Please join us for the ride. For sponsorship forms or to sponsor a rider, call Teen Challenge at 231.798.7927 and ask for David or Zach. You may also sign up online at [www.wm-tc.com](http://www.wm-tc.com).

All of you on our mailing list are such an important part of this ministry. We know you are praying for us, which is a great encouragement. Also, we thank you for being faithful givers. This is so important as well. We look forward to a continued partnership with you in this ministry. We love you, pray for you, and praise God for you. May God's blessing rest upon you.

Your Companions  
in Christ,  
Phil & Michelle  
McClain,  
Director

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