

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

Today is like a day of new beginnings at Western Michigan Teen Challenge. Ken Combs and my daughter, Rhonda, are moving to Georgia to be with their children and grandchildren. Greg Illum is taking Ken Combs' place as supervisor of maintenance of buildings, grounds and vehicles. Ken has done an excellent job, but Greg is well trained and ready to take over Ken's responsibilities. Thanks Ken, and welcome Greg.

The major repairs on all our dormitories at the men's center will soon be complete. It has been a long process. It's good to have completion in sight.

Students and staff are all coming along well. Staff are doing a great job, and students are all making phenomenal progress in the Lord. Thank God, His presence dominates here at Teen Challenge.

Introducing GREG ILLUM, Supervisor of Maintenance



JULY GRADUATES

Cleveland Wilde - I am 35 years old. By the age of 12, I tried drinking and smoking, and by the age of 16 I attempted suicide. After high school, I began to associate with the wrong crowd, continued to drink alcohol and tried marijuana. Marijuana was a gateway drug for me. I decided it wasn't enough and eventually turned to various pills. Within a couple of years I decided to try heroin. That was the point in my life that I stopped walking down to the cliff. I ran to the edge and jumped without hesitation. In what seemed like months, I was homeless. I was filled with loss, death, homelessness, jail and physical and mental pain. In a lost, empty and scared state I finally looked to the Savior. I prayed, "Help Me!" He responded, "Cleve don't you know, you can do all things through Him who strengthens you." (*Philippians 4:13*) The next day I called my mom, and three weeks later I arrived at Teen Challenge. Today I am filled with love, happiness, peace, joy and so much more.



Autumn Cornelius - I am 19 years old and from Kalamazoo, Michigan. As long as I can remember, anxiety and depression have controlled my life, and in second grade I was put on multiple medications for it. During that year I was also molested. Feeling I had no control of my world, a deep hatred for myself began to grow. My parents divorced; and when problems arose in both homes, I chose to run away and stay with friends. I was introduced to drugs and alcohol to cope until eventually nothing could take away the pain and shame I felt.

After multiple suicide attempts, my mom found Teen Challenge. After many sleepless nights and panic attacks, I finally turned to the Lord for help; and my life has never been the same. He has freed, delivered and healed my heart. Now all I want to do is serve and please my Savior Jesus.



BIKE-A-THON

The bike-a-thon went great again this year. Everyone made the ride well. No serious injuries. The financial benefit to Teen Challenge was amazing. We would also like to thank the following businesses:

Structural Concepts	Jost International Corporation
Mount Hope Church	Newkirk Electric Associates
Betten Baker Chevrolet	Oak Ridge Golf Course
Dickies BBQ	Lakeshore Employer Benefits
Lakeshore Animal Hospital	Grand Haven Garden House
Meijer	Harris Hospitality
St John Truck & Trailer Service	

Three people accepted Christ as Lord and Savior at the gathering after the Bike-A-Thon. Everyone had a nice meal together and a great time of fellowship afterwards.



RALLY TEAMS

Our rally teams are staying booked up in the churches and going out weekly. God is using the ministry of Teen Challenge in the churches, and the churches are a blessing to us.

Thanks to each of you on our mailing list for joining in partnership with this ministry. You pray for us, support us with your monthly giving and encourage us. All of you are a great blessing to us. Thanks for being there and supporting us. We love you dearly.

Yours in Christ for the sake of the gospel,

Phil & Michelle McClain
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