

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

Spring is surfacing everywhere. Flowers are blooming. Trees are budding out with new leaves. The grass is green and beautiful. What a beautiful time of the year. New life springs forth all around us. Not is there only fresh new life in nature, but new life is springing forth spiritually in the lives of the students. For instance, Elizabeth Herrin had been involved in criminal activity and drugs, primarily methamphetamine, before coming to Teen Challenge. Elizabeth came to us just to get out of jail. But God has totally changed her life and given her a real hunger for Him. She is brand new! Rebecca Wollin came into the program with physical problems and addicted to pain medication. However, God has healed her body and her marriage is coming back together. Thank God for Rebecca's new life! Jolyn Stark came to Teen Challenge straight from jail. She wasn't so sure about God. She was addicted to a new drug called "bath salts." She had a hard heart, but she stayed open to God, and God not only saved and changed her, but God saved her two daughters and mother. Spiritual new life is springing up everywhere. Liz Collier is from Birmingham, Alabama. She was brought into Teen Challenge by a former Teen Challenge graduate. When she came to us she was addicted to anti-anxiety meds, pain pills, and sleeping medication. God has totally delivered Liz from all of it. She is sleeping and has peace and rest. She is a new person.

JOLYN STARK

LIZ COLLIER

ELIZABETH HERRIN

REBECCA WOLLIN



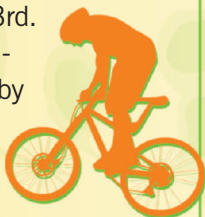
So while we are enjoying the new life of spring, we are enjoying the new life that Jesus Christ is bringing forth in the new ones coming into Teen Challenge.

Alumni Fellowship

Alumni, please join us for the Alumni Fellowship on Friday, May 4th at 7:00 pm at Teen Challenge. If you know someone who graduated from Teen Challenge, please encourage him or her to attend. If you are a graduate, please join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and encouragement. We look forward to seeing you! R.S.V.P. to Cindy at 231.798.7927.

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 Cindy at 231.798.7927 or email cindyh@wm-tc.com. The families of students are welcome to join us after the bike ride for a picnic and activities.



It seems like our phone keeps ringing and new ones continue to come into the program. Their lives have been devastated by drugs, alcohol, and the world. But the gospel message rings true in their hearts and they are being made new creatures in Christ Jesus. Thank God for the power of the gospel. The gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16

We just want to continue to impact our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is changing lives. Thank you for standing with us with your **prayers and financial giving**. Both of these are very important to us. We trust to hear from you this month.



In Christ's Service,

Phil & Michelle McClain

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Graduate Testimony



Larry Amaya Jr.

I am from Toledo, Ohio and I am 41 years old. By the age of 15, I was introduced to marijuana and cocaine through an uncle who mentored me in street life. This would kick off a 25-year tailspin that would eventually lead to a full-blown IV heroin addiction. After 2 trips to the penitentiary, I started looking for a way out through an inner city church, Vision Ministries, and my life would never be the same. The Pastor of that church never gave up hope on me, and told me about a place called Teen Challenge. Since walking through the doors of Teen Challenge I have been showered with the love of Jesus Christ, and radically redeemed by the blood of Jesus!! I am forever grateful to this ministry. To God be the glory!



Paul Chaput

I am 37 years old and I am from Lapeer, Michigan. I began drinking alcohol at the age of 15. My father died in 2000 of cirrhosis of the liver. After that, I myself became very ill from drinking and almost died from pancreatitis. It was then that a friend of mine, a former graduate of Teen Challenge, told me that I needed God in my life and recommended I go to Teen Challenge. Since coming here, I now have hope, love, joy, and a brand new life with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The verse I stand on is **Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for your Lord God will be with you wherever you go.**



Laura Rudrick

I am 26 years old, from Youngstown, Ohio. Before coming to Teen challenge, I was lost in a world that I thought loved me, in relationships with men that abused me mentally and physically. I was introduced to a lifestyle of drugs. At the age of 18, I used heroin for the first time and it quickly took over my life. I thought I found what I was longing for. I thought this drug loved and needed me, but I was the one that loved and needed it. Everything I said I would never do, I did. Using needles, working in clubs, and selling my body. There was NO LIMIT to what I did. December 2010, I stole and wrecked a truck. Rolling 3 times, I was ejected and pinned in a tree by the truck, but by the grace of God I walked away. While in jail, my sister came to visit. She told me I had a life or death decision to make. She offered me to go to Teen Challenge. Sick of being sick, I accepted. I came in April, very broken, wanting to be loved by someone, something, anything. God's love is what I longed for my entire life and now I have it! I have a hope now. I look forward to my future in Christ Jesus! **Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.** I am changed and still changing to this day for God's glory! He is my refuge and my strength.