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Dear Friends,

Thank God for the accomplishments of 2018. Not only 2018, but the last 48 years here at Western Michigan Teen Challenge.

In 2018, there were...

- 185 entries into the program
- 73 completed the 3 month induction program
- 23 completed restoration
- 55 completed the one-year program.

There were numerous decisions for Christ through our program, Sunday rallies, jail ministry, street ministry and recovery classes. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized in water.

With anticipation, we look forward to the days to come. As long as we have opportunity, we want to be effective for Jesus Christ.

There is great joy in the camp, here at Teen Challenge, about Julie and Tabitha's graduation this month. It's been wonderful to see their progress. Read their testimonies.

Graduate Testimonies

Tabitha Schales: Before coming to Teen Challenge I was addicted to heroin, cocaine, and alcohol. I dealt with a lot of peer pressure, and I believed the lies of the devil and the world. I came to Teen Challenge because of life-threatening abuse, poverty, danger and hopelessness. The Lord has delivered me from mental oppression. He has renewed



my mind and made me new. I see life through different eyes, and now I have hope and a future.

John 8:32, "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."



Julie Schmitt: Because of a broken spirit and a broken heart I started drinking alcohol and using cocaine. It became a "pain killer" for me. When I was sober, I walked with the Lord and raised two amazing children. I married a man I thought was a Christian, but he became my worst nightmare. After the

abuse started, I began drinking. The marriage ended after 12 years, but I couldn't stop drinking. I spent over 10 years in hospitals, correction facilities, and was then diagnosed with PTSD. I was at the bottom. After a few suicide attempts, I called Teen Challenge. Since coming to Teen Challenge, God has delivered me from the lies I had believed most of my life, and I have found freedom. My declaration today is **Psalm 118:17, "I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord had done."**

Testimonies like these remind us of how God uses this ministry. Thank God for the lives that are being changed. And thank you on our mailing list for standing with us with your prayer support and monthly financial giving. You are an encouragement to us and a blessing. Thank you.

Yours in Christ for the sake of the gospel,

Phil & Michelle McClain
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil & Michelle McClain".

