

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

Last month I wrote to you about the burning compassion God has birthed in my heart afresh and anew for the unsaved and perishing. On Saturday, April 5, a team of us went out on the streets of Muskegon Heights to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost. Once we got out there, right from the very beginning God began to work. We had the opportunity to tell many about Jesus Christ. The Lord gave us a very good reception and many were open to the good news of Jesus. The harvest is plenteous, and we want to continue to share Christ weekly with the multitudes who don't know Him. Pray for us as we go. Believe God with us for a great ingathering of souls.

Those in the live-in part of the program are growing spiritually. Chapels, classes, counseling, etc., are going so well. We are in revival. God is moving mightily. If you would like to join us for a Friday chapel service, it starts at 9:30 a.m. till noon. Hope to see you there.

GRADUATE TESTIMONY

My name is Ashley Webster. I'm 24 years old, from Cookeville, Tennessee. I grew up in a broken home with two parents who were alcoholics. I had no discipline or stability, and I didn't know about God. I searched my whole life for acceptance and love, but I looked in all the wrong places. I ended up addicted to any drug that would help me escape reality and my circumstances. I mainly used opiates that later led to an IV meth addiction that nearly destroyed my life completely. At 17, I had a son, but lost him due to my drug addiction. Since coming to Teen Challenge God has restored so much in my life. I have peace and joy. The chains of addiction have been broken in my life. I never thought I could change that lifestyle of bondage I was in for nearly 10 years. I was right. I couldn't, but God can do all things. This program has taught me how to live a structured, Godly lifestyle. I can never thank God enough for saving me and for using Teen Challenge to help give me a completely new life. The verse I stand on is **Romans 8:28**, "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God to them that are called according to His purpose."



RIDE TO RESTORE BIKE-A-THON

Our 36th Annual Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, June 21. 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 John McKinnon at 231.798.7927 or email johnmckinnon@wm-tc.com. The families of students are welcome to join us after the bike ride at 3:00 pm for activities and a picnic.

On Thursday, May 29, in preparation for our Ride-to-Restore Bike-A-Thon, which, again, will be held on June 21, we will host an **Open House** from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the campus located at 440 E Pontaluna Rd, Muskegon, Michigan. The purpose is to allow our supporters, local churches, community organizations, business people and the public to tour our campus and facilities, to meet both staff and students and to gain an overall understanding of our ministry.

All are welcome. For more information contact Pastor John McKinnon at 231.798.7927. Join us after the bike ride at 3:00 p.m. for activities and a picnic.



Thank you for standing with us in prayer, faith and financial giving to this ministry. All of you are a great blessing to us. We look forward to a continued great harvest of souls. Thank you for helping us help the needy, unsaved and broken. May God bless you richly. One day the sower and reaper are going to sit down in God's eternal kingdom and rejoice together.

Christ's for Souls,
Phil & Michelle McClain



TURN OVER

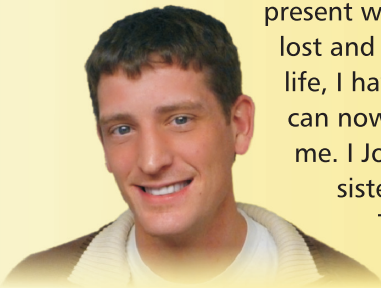
For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

MORE GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

My name is Amanda Lowe. I'm 33 years old, from Monterey, Tennessee. I was raised knowing right from wrong, but I only knew a little bit about God. At the age of 26, I went through an unexpected, messy divorce. I turned to alcohol and drugs to numb my pain and to avoid reality. Before I knew it, I was heavily addicted to pain medication and methamphetamine. My life was completely out of control. I made a lot of bad choices and ended up incarcerated. My brother introduced me to Teen Challenge, and Teen Challenge introduced me to Jesus as well as a whole new way of life. I thank God for the relationship I have with Him today and for the miracles He has worked in me and through my whole family. The verse I stand on is Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."



My name is Adam Strong. I am 31 years old, from Celina, Tennessee. In my childhood some bad things happened that created a deep anger and hate toward my parents. I started using drugs to mask the pain, and soon the pain became an addiction. When these bad things stopped happening, I continued to use the past as an excuse to cover up my present wrongs. I came to Teen Challenge broken, lost and hopeless. Because I now have Christ in my life, I have found true love and forgiveness which I can now give to others because Christ gave it to me. I John 2:11, "Anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in it. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them."



My name is Emily. I am 28 years old, from Muskegon, Michigan. At a very young age I began to abuse prescription medication. The abuse continued on and off for years. About 3 years ago the Lord blessed my husband and I with a beautiful baby boy. The doctors sent me home with prescription medication, which I abused. This led to an addiction that took control of my life. My addiction and poor choices caused me to get into trouble with the law. At that time I was introduced to Teen Challenge. Since I've been in the program the Lord has done such an amazing work in my heart, mind and spirit. Once I gave my life to Him I found an unmeasurable peace, freedom and hope. I have a hunger for His word and a joy that I've never felt before. I thank God for Teen Challenge and the staff who have helped guide and direct me into the Lord's will. Phil. 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."



And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.