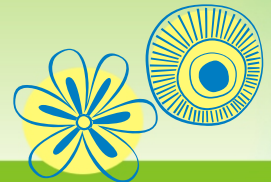


# WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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## Dear Friends,

In **Mark 16:15-16**, Jesus told His disciples, “**Go ye** into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Paul the apostle tells us in **Ro. 1:16** that the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. The gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ is changing lives today. It is the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross that purges (cleanses) our conscience from sin and gives us power to serve the living God. **Heb. 9:14**. That’s good news!

There are many in the world today who are living a life of immorality, addiction and crime. But thank God, where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. God's grace (undeserved, unmerited favor) toward man is lifting him out of sin, shame and despair. It is bringing deliverance, freedom and joy. Until Jesus comes we will continue to preach the gospel of Christ and see the captives, addicted and sinners set free. Jesus words “**go ye**” are still for us today. We must be about our father's business.

## Graduate Testimonies

Hi, my name is **Joe Schaafsma**, I'm 31 years old and from Nome, Alaska. Growing up I had an amazing family who taught me good morals, a strong work ethic, and how to have a relationship with Jesus. But sin and Satan don't care how good of an upbringing you have had. As I grew older, I began to question how an all-loving, all-powerful God could allow so many bad things to happen in the world. So, I turned my back on God and began to run my life my way. Over the past 6-8 years, I began to drink more and more until I became a full blown 24/7 alcoholic. I had developed neuropathy in my legs, I couldn't function at work, and my wife had left me. Teen Challenge was my last hope. Since being here, God has given me a peace I can't explain. He's humbled my pride and arrogance, helped me to trust Him again, healed my legs, and restored my marriage. But, none of that compares to the salvation and love that He extended toward me, a sinner lost in his own mess. I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God. “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.” ~Jeremiah 17:7



Hello! My name is **Jamasen DeKlein**. I'm 20 years old and from Grand Rapids, MI. Growing up in a Christian family I knew about God, but never knew him personally. When I turned my back on Him, I was faced with a bitterness and depression that only pain killers could temporarily take away. After spending all my time and money just chasing this temporary feeling, I figured enough was enough. My family had an intervention, and in May of 2015, I walked into Teen Challenge very broken. For the first couple months I still had the urge to get high. I just didn't want to let go of the one thing I knew made me feel normal. But God worked in me until I finally broke down, gave Him everything, and put my faith in Him to rearrange my life and make it His. Like Psalm 51:2 says, “He washed me thoroughly from my wickedness and guilt and cleansed me from my sin.” Ever since then, I've found a peace and happiness that surpasses all understanding, and I have a contentment to fulfill His mission for my life.



## TWO IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS !!

### BIKE-A-THON

This is a great event. We usually have about 100 riders. We ride from Holland to Grand Haven. Yes, it is a fundraiser. In fact, usually one of the best of the year. Riders must raise a minimum of \$150 to ride. However, some riders raise \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000 or more.

First, second and third place winners for raising the most finances will receive prizes such as an iPad, Bicycle, tickets to Unity Fest and more. 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 Cindy, Barb or Brenna.

### ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP

Friday, August 19, here at Teen Challenge at 7:00pm.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you graduates. We have a common interest in One that binds us together in love and unity - Jesus. For more information or to R.S.V.P. contact Barb (231)798-7927.



We of Teen Challenge want to thank the many churches for supporting Western Michigan Teen Challenge on a regular basis, as well as the private individuals and families. God bless you! Please pray for us as we face ongoing challenges, and as opportunities arise for us to serve our blessed Lord. We love Him and this precious work. We look forward to hearing from you again this month. May God's richest blessings be yours.

In Christ's Service  
Phil & Michelle McClain

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