

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

In Mark 10:46-52, we have the story of blind Bartimeus. We see him crying out to Jesus even though others would tell him to be quiet. Despite the pressure of the crowd, he was persistent in his cry. The result was Jesus **heard, stopped and said, "Call him."** The scripture says he threw off his cloak, sprang up and came to Jesus. He was in a hurry to get to Him; therefore, he got rid of whatever might be a hindrance in his endeavor. Sometimes in our lives, we can become preoccupied with other things and they hinder us in coming to Jesus when He calls. What might be the things in your life that are causing you to be slowed down or even tripped up in your walk with the Lord? It may not even be sin, but something that is causing you to be hindered in your relationship with the Lord. It could be pride, the deceitfulness of riches, the cares or pleasures of this life. The hindrances vary per individual. We need to be honest with ourselves regarding hindrances when we prayerfully search our hearts before God. Time is short. Jesus is coming soon. We don't want to be ashamed before Him at His coming!

You Are Invited!

GRAND RAPIDS FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Thursday, April 25, 2013
First Assembly of God
2100 Forty-Fourth Street SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49509

You will want to attend this evening of great food, fellowship, student testimonies and inspiring music. Doors open at 6:30 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Adults only. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there. R.S.V.P. to Cindy at 231.798.7927.



GRADUATE TESTIMONY

Nicholas Batalis

My name is Nick Batalis and I am from South Bend, Indiana. The Lord has been so good to me! I came to Teen Challenge a sinner, desperate to put my old ways of life behind me. With the Lord's strength I have done just that! I'm so thankful He has given me another chance to live a meaningful life for Him. I plan to serve the Lord for the rest of my life. **Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.**

BIKE-A-THON

Our 35th Annual Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. 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.

The students at Teen Challenge are learning what hindrances consist of and are endeavoring to walk before the Lord. We all want to hear when we stand before the Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of the Lord." (Matt. 25:21) We appreciate your ongoing prayers and financial support of the program. By this you have entered into our labors in bringing many to the knowledge of Christ.



May the Lord richly bless you,
Phil and Michelle McClain

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