

# WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

Jesus said in John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Thank God, we as Christians are not in bondage to sin and the evil desires of our flesh. When we received Jesus Christ into our lives as Lord and Savior by faith, we are truly set free. We Christians know true freedom.

People come into the program almost daily bound by sin and the appetites of the flesh. They are bound by drugs marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, prescription pain pills, etc. Then alcohol has so many people bound as well as fornication, adultery and homosexuality. People become slaves to these things. It's like they have reached a dead end with no way out. But Jesus Christ is setting them free. He breaks the bondage of sin and gives new life, life abundantly. In John 10:10b, Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Thank God for the many at Teen Challenge who are being delivered from the bondage of sin and addiction through the power of Jesus Christ. Today they have abundant life through Him. Some thought they could never be set free, but today the bondages of sin are broken and they are enjoying true life in Christ.



## GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

My name is Amanda Dyer. I am 33 years old from Jackson County, Tennessee. I grew up in a good home. However, at an early age the mirror became my worst enemy. I began a 20 year battle with bulimia. When I was 22, I had my fourth baby and I battled bulimia and drug addiction. In 2004, my youngest son died of a respiratory virus. This began a nightmare I could not wake up from. I became very self-destructive, and I ran from everyone and everything. In August 2013, the Lord intervened in a powerful way. I ended up at Western Michigan Teen Challenge where

Jesus has begun a mighty work in me and is healing my broken heart. He is taking all the destruction and is completely transforming me. Everyday I am amazed at how personal and loving God is. For the first time I am excited about this journey called life.

My name is Reathea Robertson. I am 51 years old from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I come from a good Christian home. I grew up a pastor's kid, but my life was nowhere close to being perfect. I lived a life of shame because of sexual abuse. To make the shame go away, I immediately began using drugs. I smoked a drug called sherm that made me feel like the walking dead. When that stopped working I tried everything there was. I became sick and tired of destroying myself and my family and finally hit rock bottom! God reached down and lifted me up. God has given me love that I have never known and a self-worth. Life now has a Godly future.



My name is Sara Fife. I am 42 years old from Spring Lake, Michigan. I was raised in a loving, Christian home. It wasn't until I moved away to college that I was consumed with fear and anxiety which led to many years of bondage to alcohol. I knew there was a God, I just didn't know I could go to Him for help, guidance and protection like I did my parents. Teen Challenge has taught me how to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to pray about everything. I have the Lord, and I am so grateful. "He delivered me from my strong enemy (Satan), and from them which hated me (my addictions); for they were too strong for me." (Psalm 18:17) Today I know I am safely held in the arms of Jesus.

## UPCOMING BANQUETS

### Grand Rapids Banquet

Thursday, September 25, 2014 – Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
First Assembly of God  
2100 Forty-Fourth Street SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509

### Muskegon Banquet

Thursday, October 16, 2014 – Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds  
4759 Lake Harbor Road, Norton Shores, MI 49441

### Holland Christmas Banquet - (Unique/Different)

Thursday, December 4, 2014 – Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Beechwood Reformed Church  
895 Ottawa Beach Road, Holland, MI 49424

It feels like summer has just arrived, but you may want to get these fall banquet dates on your calendar. Will you attend and perhaps host a table of eight or more? We look forward to hearing from you. Adults only. For reservations, call Cindy at 231.798.7927.

## MUCH NEEDED REPAIRS

We have installed two new furnaces and air conditioners in one of our staff housing units.

*Hallelujah! He is able!*

We are purposing to bring this life-giving gospel message of Jesus Christ to as many as possible. God is really using our street ministry, jail ministry, our ministry to the churches and schools, and our life-in programs to accomplish this. Thank you for partnering with us in seeing many souls come to Christ. Your prayers, finances, and support are much needed and deeply appreciated. We love you, are praying for you, and trust we will hear from you this month.

In Christ's Service,  
Phil & Michelle McClain

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