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**Oh how he  
LOVES**  
us!”

I am so blessed to serve a God who loves so deeply, so graciously and so completely. In **Psalm 136**, the phrase, “**His steadfast love endures forever.**” is repeated 26 times. The psalmist writes to give thanks for all the Lord has done. No matter what we go through in life, “**His steadfast love endures forever.**” When we have good times and when we have bad times, when circumstances are hard and there seems like there is no end in sight, there is one thing that remains...God’s LOVE! He is the creator of all things. He is merciful and great! His love carries us through. His love embraces us and ensures us!

When I think of the amount of love the Lord has, I am overwhelmed with such immense gratitude. **1 John 4:19**, “**We love him, because he first loved us.**”

Our students here at Western Michigan Adult and Teen Challenge are experiencing the true love of God for the first time. Many have never understood what true love is. It is such a joy to see new believers realize the love of our Lord and Savior. It gives them great joy and confidence in their lives.



## GRADUATES

**HUNTER THOMAS** - All my life I’ve been carried by God’s grace and His goodness. He has brought me through so much. It is nothing short of a miracle that I’m here. When I was faithless, He was faithful. When I was lost, He came to my rescue. When I wanted death, He gave me life and kept me instead. He truly has brought me from death to life and made my heart whole again. And it’s my joy to lay my life down for the one who gave it all for me and to know Him is my heart’s desire. **Philippians 3:7-9 (NLT)** “**I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.**

**Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith.”**

**GREG BRADFORD** - For the better part of the past 15 years, I have struggled, battling PTSD stemming from combat deployments to the Middle East for Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving my country as a United States Marine. After years of trying to numb the pain, shame and guilt with alcohol and drugs, I had resigned to the fact that I would become another statistic of the 22 veterans per day from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars who commit suicide. I thank God for a mom and dad who never stopped praying for me, and I am forever grateful to Him for using Western Michigan Adult and Teen Challenge as a vessel that ultimately saved my life through the power of God and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. “**Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**” **John 15:13**



Please continue to pray for our ministry and for our students. We love you and are so very thankful for you and will always pray for you and your family. Thank you for your giving and your support too. Your giving helps keep our ministry going as we continue to love the lost and hurting. Please keep praying about how the Lord would have you give. We appreciate each of you very much. May God’s love abundantly bless you!

In Christ’s Service,  
Phil and Michelle McClain  
Executive Director

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