

Dear Friends,

To you, my dear brothers and sisters and fellow laborers in the gospel of Jesus Christ. My heart is overwhelmed with a compassion and burden for lost souls who have not yet come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. There are so many hurting people addicted to either drugs or alcohol and living a life of utter hopelessness. We must tell them about Jesus who can deliver them, save them and give them life abundantly. We are accelerating our efforts in street evangelism and jail ministry, endeavoring to bring hope and salvation to the desperate. Do pray with us and for us as we continue to penetrate the darkness with the glorious light of the gospel of Christ. We appreciate you, our dear friends, who stand in prayer with us month after month, praying that God will deliver people from the grip and clutches of sin and Satan. God is working!

These are the faces of the new ones that have just come into the program within the last 30 days.



These precious ones are hungry for God, needy and desperate. But, God is meeting them at an altar of prayer, in the chapel services and Bible classes. They are coming forth as pure gold.

Graduate Testimonies



Heaven McQueen - I'm 20 years old from Lowell, MI. I grew up with a lot of shame. My parents were both addicted to drugs and it destroyed their lives. I thought I wasn't good enough to be loved. I started experimenting with drugs and alcohol at age 12 just to fit in, but it progressed to IV heroin use

at age 17. Then, I began cooking and selling meth with my mom and step-dad. Multiple overdoses and jail stays didn't stop me, until we were arrested for the meth lab. I was faced with serious prison time, and I finally realized I needed change. I cried out to the Lord for the first time in my life, and He heard me! God worked miracles and brought me to Teen Challenge. Since then, the Lord has renewed my mind and my heart, and given me a whole new life. He has filled me with true joy and love. Eph. 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Tonya Annis - I'm from South Bend, IN. I suffered a lot of emotional and physical abuse growing up. As a result of my emotional insecurity, my life has been a frenzy of running from one thing to the next, searching to be filled & loved. One toxic relationship to the next, one drug to the next. After a 10 year battle with meth addiction, I had a mental breakdown. It is here in Teen Challenge that the love of Jesus has been shown to be good and true. It is in Him that I find myself. The verse I stand on is John 16:33, "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."



TESTIMONIES CONTINUE ON REVERSE

Upcoming Fund Raising Banquets

GRAND RAPIDS BANQUET

October 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm - Doors open at 6:00 pm
First Assembly of God
2100 Forty-Fourth Street, Wyoming, Michigan

MUSKEGON BANQUET

October 26, 2017 at 6:30 pm - Doors open at 6:00 pm
Maranatha Bible Conference and Grounds
Lake Harbor Road, Muskegon, Michigan

HOLLAND CHRISTMAS BANQUET

December 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm - Doors open at 6:00 pm
Beechwood Church
895 Ottawa Beach Road, Holland, Michigan

Please attend at least one of these banquets, and bring a friend. We would appreciate you serving as a banquet captain and fill one or two tables of 8 or 16, or more with guests who need to know about Teen Challenge and who could be a financial blessing to the ministry. Hope to see you there. Reservations are needed. Please call Barb at 231-798-7927.

The staff, my wife, Michelle, and I thank each of you for supporting this ministry with your prayers and faithful financial support. You are a big part of what is happening spiritually in the lives of the people here at Teen Challenge. We love you, and may God bless you as you continue giving to the Lord. You are making a difference. 1 Cor. 15:58, "You know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Yours in Christ's Service
Phil & Michelle McClain

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Rachelle Newton - I am 40 years old. Both my parents were heroin addicts. I became addicted to drugs and alcohol in my early teens. I became an empty vessel and tried to fill a void in my life with drugs, money and men. My life went further into a dark pit, where prison, over-dose, abuse, rehab, or a suicide attempt could not get my attention. But when I was revived after being dead over 8 minutes, God brought me out of the darkness. No longer am I hard-hearted, selfish or alone but am loved and worthy of it! Jesus gave His life for me and no longer do I feel alone or afraid of what tomorrow brings. No longer do I search for my identity, because I AM A CHILD OF GOD. 2 Timothy 4:17 says, "But the lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it, and I was delivered from the lions mouth."



Airmeter Cannon - I am 59 from Grand Rapids, MI. I took my first drink at the age of 12 and started down the wrong path of drinking, cocaine and crack. I was in and out of jail, prison and rehab, but none of it worked. I lost everything and felt like my life was over, when a friend told me about Teen Challenge. It has been a wonderful journey! God has taken my anger and bitterness, and has restored my mind. When I came here, I was very uneducated and didn't know anything about learning. I started to talk to God and He gave me knowledge and understanding. Now I love to study the Word and help others. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Tyler Bice - I started experimenting with drugs when I was 14. I wanted to be the cool guy. That quickly led to a sin issue I couldn't control. Satan totally took over my life, and I eventually tried to take my own life. I was in a coma for three days with compartment syndrome, I needed 7 surgeries to save my arm, and had a stroke in my frontal lobe. After 2 months in the hospital and 3 months of therapy, the courts allowed me to come to Teen Challenge. God pulled me from death and gave me a second chance. Since I've been here, I've truly accepted Jesus as my savior and learned so much about my God who saved my life and strengthened me to be able to serve Him. Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Matt Bengal - I'm 33 years old from Cincinnati, OH. I was raised Catholic, but didn't know God. I excelled playing football. Because of that, I got away with a lot in the community. As much as my parents tried to keep me on the straight and narrow, I chose to party. During high school I worked at restaurants and hung out with adults who didn't have my best interest. I abused alcohol and painkillers. I played college football and continued on the wrong path. After dropping out of college, I worked in the restaurant business and partied every night. Cocaine and painkillers became crack and heroine. After my 3rd DUI, and urging from my family, I came to Teen Challenge. I didn't even believe in the Lord when I arrived, but that quickly changed. I now know God has always had a plan for me. He has transformed my life. The verse I stand on is 2 Timothy 1:7, "God didn't give me a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind."

