



TEEN CHALLENGE
INTERNATIONAL
The Proven Cure For The Drug Epidemic

Cincinnati

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I'm Out Of Control ... Now That God's in Control!

(DeWayne Grandison - age 39 - hometown: Maysville, Kentucky)

In high school I started experimenting with alcohol and marijuana. This eventually led to drinking and smoking regularly. While in school I got a job so I could supply my wants. As time went by, I went from a weekend partier, going to the local clubs and bars with friends, to every day use. In time, this led to harder drugs. Through it all, I somehow thought that I still was in control of my life. After years of drug abuse, I finally had enough and sought help from David Bowery, a pastor in my hometown. He was the person God used to bring me to Teen Challenge. Their church paid my entry fee. From the moment I arrived at the Teen Challenge Ranch, I felt peace ... a calmness came over me. I was ready to change my life and here at Teen Challenge I felt I belonged ... this is where I was supposed to be!

Teen Challenge is a nine-month program. I don't like calling it a program because it's much more than that. It's a discipleship ministry. By allowing Jesus in your heart and letting the Holy Spirit guide you, you can overcome more than just addictions to drugs. You find out and conquer the problem that made you want to use in the first place. No matter what your problem is, God is greater! God uses Teen Challenge to reach guys who society has just about given up on and sometimes we've given up on ourselves. For me, I believe that when God opened the doors to Teen Challenge, He opened the Gates of Heaven, or at least now I know they're open and I have a chance.



During my stay at Teen Challenge, I was able to participate in a work program designed to help guys gain some work ethics and train us to do our best. It was very helpful and I was able to make some contacts that resulted in my finding employment after graduation. I'm also taking part in a manufacturing training program that was set up through Teen Challenge. I believe that if you are obedient and patient, God will put opportunities in your path for you to take advantage of. I guess you'd call them blessings.

I am so grateful that God has places like Teen Challenge to help guys like me. It's a tough nine months but I'd recommend it to everyone. Where else can you take nine months out of your life and devote it to getting closer to God. It's nine months of Bible study, memorizing scripture, going to church three times a week, learning how to love your brother and most of all letting the Holy Spirit guide you and letting the Holy Spirit give you life. It's nine months that helped me learn to give up trying to control my life and put that control in the hands of the Lord ... where it belongs!

Teen Challenge Welcomes Two New Staff Interns

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We are thankful to be taking in two talented men as interns in efforts to train them up and at the same time help to round out our staffing needs. These men are living at the Ranch with the students and are making great sacrifices toward giving themselves to serving at this mission. If you would like to sponsor their efforts, you may donate specifically to our "Internship Fund".

John Janis is originally from Minnesota. He attends Cornerstone Christian Fellowship and

has held various youth leadership responsibilities in his church. A former construction project manager, John brings a heart of compassion to the Ranch.

Michael Hornback has a Bachelor in Religion and Education from Huntington College. He is also very talented in information systems and originally came to us as a database consultant. We are thankful for all the gifts Michael brings to Teen Challenge.



Michael Hornback



5th Annual Benefit Golf Outing Scores for Teen Challenge!

The 5th Annual Teen Challenge Classic Golf Outing chaired by Pierre Paroz and American Micro Products scored a huge success for Teen Challenge. More than \$70,000 was raised during the event at Elks Run Golf Club! We are extremely grateful to all those sponsors and volunteers who made this extraordinary event possible! Mark your calendar because next year's outing on May 24 at Kenwood Country Club is warming up to be even more spectacular.

Accreditation Update

In July, we attained "Accreditation With Honors" from Teen Challenge USA! Also this past month we renewed our state licensing certification for Outpatient and Halfway House services by the Ohio Department of Alcohol Drug Addiction Services. We are privileged to be doing our utmost for His highest!



We now accept VISA/MasterCard for donations and purchases

Big Outdoor Days

Last month we challenged the students and staff to get more in touch with their pioneer spirit. The majority of the day and afternoon was spent outside where Billy Daniel of the Christian Bowhunters Assn. came and instructed us all on the finer points of archery. Billy Daniel, a professional archer, also wove a wonderful message into his seminar and teachings. Following a cookout, students & staff headed out for Morrow, Ohio and a night of camping and fellowship with the men from Lifebuilders.



Who Are We?

Located on 165 acres of beautiful countryside in Milford, Teen Challenge Cincinnati is a mission of hope, offering a 9-12 month residential treatment program to men ages 18-35 who are dealing with the problems of drug and alcohol addictions.

Mission Statement

Evangelize people who have life controlling problems and initiate the discipleship process to the point where the student can function as a Christian in society applying spiritually motivated biblical principles to relationships in the family, local church, chosen vocation and the community. Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive.

Motorcyclists Ride for the Ranch



The Ranch roared with motorcycles this past month at our 3rd Annual TC-88 Biker benefit run. An overall spirit of unity and cause made for an enjoyable and successful outing. Over \$6,000 was raised for Teen Challenge topping last year's amount by 58%! The 88-mile ride began and ended at the Ranch and concluded with great door prizes and

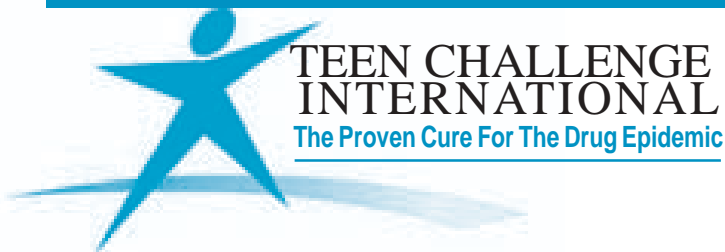
rotisserie cooked chicken from Nelson's Catering. A BIG thanks to all the clubs, sponsors and participants!

DVD Now available... *Simply Amazing*

Simply Amazing is a new film that tells the incredible story of our ministry's life-changing work with addicts over the past 30 years.

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Needs List ... We Need Your Help!

- ☞ Can you imagine sharing 2 washers and dryers between 32 young men - who work outside almost every day? We are needing 2 new commercial washers (\$1200) and 2 gas dryers (\$800).
- ☞ We have a need for a new, heavy duty 8-passenger van. We require it for daily use - medical and legal appointments, shuttling senior students to work, prevention team meetings and food runs (\$14,000).
- ☞ We have a unique opportunity to purchase a ranch-style home on a parcel of land adjoining the Teen Challenge Ranch property! This would be used for *much-needed* staff housing (\$79,000).

Support TCC at Meijer! It's easy!

- 1) Go to Meijer.com/rewards and "sign up online." When finished, you will have a chance to confirm that all of your information is correct.
- 2) The next step will be choosing Teen Challenge as your Beneficiary charity. Our account number is 718706.



That's it! Before long you will receive in the mail your Meijer member cards. All you have to do is swipe the card each time you shop at Meijer and a percentage of your purchase total will come to Teen Challenge.
Thank you so much for supporting us!

Holiday News

Mark your calendars because our annual Christmas tree and gift shop sales begin Friday, November 28 and run through December 23.

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10:00 - 9 Sat
11:00 - 6 Sun