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IDENTITY

My name is Tim and I am 20 years old from Columbus Indiana. I came to Teen Challenge hurting, lost and confused. Before letting Jesus into my life, I was without purpose and doubleminded in my actions. I was living three different lives at once. A hidden life where I took pleasure in nicotine, alcohol, and marijuana. A second hidden life where I succumbed to a bisexual lifestyle and a third more dangerous life that I let everyone see as an outgoing church member with nothing to hide. I was experimenting with these lives because I was confused about my identity and who I was as a man.

I came into Teen Challenge lost and searching and when I truly let Jesus into my heart I found both my purpose and my identity. The Lord has lead me to 1 Timothy 1:9 to give me understanding where before I only had confusion. Through Jesus, I have been delivered of my addictions and hidden sin and been provided with a future pursuing Gods calling on my life.

TIM WABASH VALLEY



ZACH NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA TEEN CHALLENGE



My name is Zach, I am 19 years old and I'm from Cleveland, Ohio. In middle school, I began using drugs recreationally and very quickly became consumed by the lifestyle. Before I knew it, I had become an IV heroin user and through my drug abuse I found myself in jail. I felt lost, hopeless and convinced that this was how I was going to spend the rest of my life.

However, God had different plans for my life. In a way that only He can, I ended up coming to NCITC. Since meeting Jesus, I have experienced freedom like never before. He has given me the genuine peace that I had been searching to find for a long time. I am excited for the next season of my life. The Lord has given me a passion to help those who struggle with the same bondages that I did. I have accepted an internship with Teen Challenge and I am looking forward to giving back, just as I have freely been given to.

MOLLY CENTRAL INDIANA TEEN CHALLENGE

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT



My name is Molly. My bio mom was a drug addict and prostitute. I lived with her and learned from her the first four years of my life. By the time I was adopted, I'd already learned how to emotionally isolate myself and not let people close and I would crave attention from not getting a healthy dose of it as a baby. I struggled with compulsive stealing and lying until I was about thirteen. At seventeen, I struggled with depression a lot and started smoking marijuana. I stated sneaking out at night to have sex with the guy who introduced me to pot. I thought I was pregnant but felt like I couldn't stop living the way I was. My mom found out and sent me to Teen Challenge.

Since being here, I have learned to be less selfish and allow people into my life. I'm able to let my emotions do their job and let people help me to properly deal with those emotions and dig deeper to find out why I feel the way I feel and do the things I do. I don't fight to get negative attention from my family or others because I have come to believe God does really love and care for me even when I don't. I have learned that I have been very angry my whole life and lived in fear of abandonment and I have learned to deal with my anger properly. I have grown closer to my family and have built more trust with them. I have also grown in my relationship with God. I still have a long way to go, but I plan to continue growing emotionally and spiritually with God and my family. I am looking forward to graduating high school and the Teen Challenge program. I plan on enlisting in the military, specifically the Coast Guard, and attending college while I am there. I do hope to eventually get married and have kids, but my plans after college and the military are not super clear yet. Whatever God has for me is what I plan on doing.

Graduation is in the Air

*Students move up and
onward to bigger things*

Several of the ladies here at Grace House have moved up ... or on! Mikayla just completed the residential section of the program on April 15, and several of the other students successfully completed Phase 1 and 2.

We're so proud of these ladies and how far they have come!

