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NEW LIFE

I am from Texas and I am 15 years old. I grew up with a mother whose own needs for drugs, alcohol and prostitution proved more important to her than her family. She left our home when I was two. My father loved us the only way he knew how and gave in to our wants without any discipline. He wanted to provide for us the love and nurturing that a mother would bring into our lives but money did not buy our happiness. I decided to go with the people that were making bad decisions and would steal alcohol from my dad.

Eventually at 13 years of age I lost my virginity to the popular jock of our school. After continuing to have a sexual relationship with him a pregnancy resulted. Both of our families would not be okay with this, so I moved into my mother's home. My mother had not changed and still chose not to be a mother to me but more of a friend. There were no rules at her home. This provided me with the ability to hang out with people older than me, and later, I had a miscarriage. The miscarriage devastated me and caused me a lot of shame. Following this, I started to date the local dealer, a 19-year-old, and became addicted to cocaine. I went to a party my mom was throwing with her boyfriend. I started to talk to a guy who was supposed to be a dealer. He invited me to go to his car, and it was there he raped me. I further plummeted through drugs and prostitution and my dad kept trying to help. He found Teen Challenge where I have been for the last eight months.

During my time at Teen Challenge, I have learned to put boundaries up for my mom so that she no longer can influence my life. To let go of my shame and not let it hold me down for my future. I have learned that I am worthy of being sober and putting my comfort in God and God alone. Jesus has set me free from the bondage of lying and has helped me gain respect for myself again. Over time, He will continue to heal me from what was lost.



JULIE

CENTRAL INDIANA TEEN CHALLENGE

NICK

NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA TEEN CHALLENGE



In my past, I was diagnosed with ADHD and manic depression. I was told I would always be on meds. I was a people pleaser and had to be the center of attention. In college I got mixed up with the wrong crowd and started smoking weed and drinking heavily. I got arrested multiple times and got kicked out of Indiana University which led to regrets and worsening depression. I began using meth and eventually heroin. I was told heroin was a death or prison sentence and I was ok with that. So fed up with life, I tried to commit suicide.

My mom kept telling me about Teen Challenge. After an overdose, I awoke with such a conviction that I took the first step of obedience and said I would go. When I got here I felt love like never before. I rededicated my life to Christ and was baptized in the Holy Spirit. There is no turning back for me now. God has changed the desires of my heart. I want to be a missionary helping those who are lost like I once was. In addition, I would like to further my education and get my pastoral license.

DEATH SENTENCE

COLLIN WABASH VALLEY TEEN CHALLENGE

RESTORED



My name is Collin and I was born in Evansville, IN. I am 23 years old and have been in the program since June 24th, 2016. Growing up my life was extremely normal. I loved playing sports, made the honor roll and went to Sunday school. My parents were and still are a true blessing. One thing that I did have to deal with a lot growing up was bullying. It seemed like I was always getting made fun of for one thing or another. So, when I went into high school I wanted so bad to feel accepted by my peers. Because of all this I ended up trying pot.

That was the first time I felt like I fit in. I did not want to lose those attentions which lead me to abusing alcohol, hallucinations, ecstasy, and for the past two years shooting up pain pills. About two weeks before I came to Teen Challenge I robbed someone for a whole bunch of pain pills and ended up overdosing on them. When I woke up a couple of days later I realized I needed something to change in my life and my mother began to work on getting me in to Teen Challenge. Three days after my entry date I asked God for forgiveness of all my evil deeds I had done in this world and recommitted my life to Him.

Since that day nothing has been the same and God has restored the relationship between my parents and me. He has given me a new lease on life and He has given me a purpose. He has called me to be His hands and feet in the mission field as well as a street evangelist. Matthew 6:33 states that seek first the kingdom of God and all His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you. My testimony is living proof of the truth in that scripture.

MISSION FIELD

My name is Crystal. I became the Development Director of Grace House Teen Challenge in Evansville, Indiana, on April 3 of this year. I attend Good Shepherd Assembly of God and was born and raised here in Evansville. Although raised in church, my parents got out of church when I was a teenager. Eventually, I had a neighbor move in and she was saved, then introduced me to Christ. I went to church merely to make her happy, but God got ahold of me and I've never been the same. Within the next few years of my life, I became Spirit filled, then the Lord began to instill in me that He was calling me to the mission field. As Development Director, this is my mission field. I have recently come to this position and I'm excited for the change that is taking place. I'm so grateful for new beginnings. The Lord is about to do some great and mighty things and I'm just glad to be a part of it all. The verse I stand on is Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (NKJV)

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