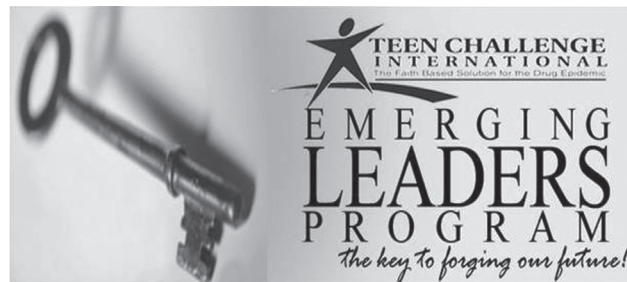


Teen Challenge Update

Colfax Training Center

April, 2009

ELP Graduating Class of 2009



We're proud to announce that we will be celebrating with our first graduating class this spring. Each of the six graduates have successfully completed all requirements; consisting of the six core courses, six elective courses, and an extra six months of continual training after completion.

After completion of the Teen Challenge program the Emerging Leader agrees to come back to one of the Teen Challenge centers as either an ELP student or an ELP Intern. As an ELP student, they would agree to remain at one of our residential centers; they are provided room, board, and some responsibilities while working a part time job and finishing their educational requirements. An ELP Internship is a paid position at one of our centers; the Emerging Leader is provided room, board, and increased responsibilities while working under the guidelines of Teen Challenge.

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) is for Teen Challenge students who have been at Teen Challenge at least six months and are interested in internships or serving as Teen Challenge staff members. Candidates are selected by the ELP Coordinator and must complete six core courses and six elective courses in twelve months. The six elective courses are chosen from one of three tracks; Administrative, Ministerial or Vocational.

Here's a list of the core courses required for all ELP participants:

Course Title	Corresponding Material
Knowing and Understanding God's Will	"Experiencing God" By Henry Blackaby
Core Values	"Core Values: Connecting our People to our Culture" By Dr. Jerry Nance
Armor Bearer	"God's Armor Bearer" By Terry Nance DVD and syllabus Workbook
Discover Your Gifts	"Discover your God-Given Gifts" By Don & Katie Fortun ^e
Team Building	"The 17 Essential Qualities of a Team Player" By John C. Maxwell
Servant Leadership	"Lead Like Jesus" By Ken Blanchard & Phil Hodges



Shane

Shane Chesshire, one of our recent Emerging Leader graduates and current Intern said, "Since joining the Emerging Leaders Program in February of 2008, I've definitely seen a change in my relationships. I knew God was leading me to be involved with Teen Challenge

and to share the love of Christ with others. Teen Challenge is where I truly came to know Christ and develop a relationship with Him. ELP has helped bring out the best in me and through it, God has shown me strengths and weaknesses in my life but mostly, the necessity of depending on Him."

Set Free: A Testimony of God's Saving Grace



Gus

God brought me to Teen Challenge on Jan 5, 2009. The previous three months I was a prisoner in my home. Vodka had become my ankle bracelet. If I left the house at all I had to have it with me. It controlled my life. I isolated myself to the point that I wouldn't answer the door even if it was my daughter and grandson. I wouldn't answer the phone unless it was in the morning when I was relatively sober. I nearly died because of my addiction to alcohol. I can remember lying on my couch with a half-gallon of Vodka sitting next to me on the floor and watching Intervention on the TV... How sick is that?

Thirty six years ago, at the age of twenty-eight I joined AA and turned my life and my will over to God. For those of you who are mathematically challenged, that makes me sixty-four. I remained

sober for twenty six years and then drank again. The last eleven years of that period I replaced God as the priority in my life and concentrated on a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree.

I practiced for about five years and through legal problems and all of the other character defects emerging, I relapsed ten years ago. Within thirty days I was a full blown alcoholic once again. But this time it was much, much worse.

Within three years I lost everything; my wife and daughter, my practice, and my self-respect. I continued this downward spiral for seven years before I finally surrendered to God and came to Teen Challenge.

This building was originally restored for the wealthy to come and relax. Today it's a place for people who are "Broke" spiritually and who no longer want to resort to the use of drugs and alcohol. I have become wealthy in the Holy Spirit, well fed in the word of God, and relaxed... Trusting in God to transform me into the man, husband, father, and servant He wants me to be.

Partner Highlight



life change. We know that "many hands make light work", and without the help of our partners, the load would be profound.

First Assembly of God, Des Moines has been a tremendous part of the ministry for many years. Through financial contributions, gifts-in-kind, and interpersonal contact, they've faithfully served the Lord by serving us and the people who need help.

Our students attend worship services at First Assembly about once per month. For many years, the Royal Ambassador's have organized a

In many ways, Teen Challenge of the Midlands partners with others to facilitate 180 degree

Christmas banquet with entertainment and gifts for each staff member and student. It's an unbelievable experience for the guys every year as they get to witness love in action; its life changing. In addition, many worshippers from First Assembly are involved with our Wives' Ministry, led by Judy Aubuchon.

Pastor Greg Youmans said, "We really appreciate the life transforming ministry of Teen Challenge. Seeing disarranged families restored is a continual blessing."

If you would like to partner with us in any way, please contact Bob Larson at (515) 674-3713 Ext. 205, or b.larson@tcmid.org.

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