

Set Free: Testimonies of God's Saving Grace



Geoff

Today Jesus is working on saving my marriage and doing a fine job at that. When I got to Teen Challenge a little over three months ago my wife had divorce papers filed, and I didn't blame her.

I was drinking daily and lying about it, I was a total bum. I was about to lose my job and didn't really care what happened with my marriage. I definitely wasn't doing my part in raising my two small girls. I was the definition of a dead-beat Dad. So a dead-beat, drunken-lying-bum came to Teen Challenge with a little bit of faith and a little bit of hope. The good news is that I really didn't need either one of those because Teen Challenge is full of faith and hope!

Jesus is very good at mending marriages, he's so compassionate. Everyday of my life as I surrender to Him He is doing exactly that. The divorce papers have been dropped and my wife and I are falling back in love, stronger than ever. That's my miracle, the healing of my marriage! Jesus is the healer.

Not everything is perfect, far from it, but I have much more faith and hope than what I came in with. I can see the fruit of the Spirit in my life and I love it. God did wonderful things in my life for a long time, even before I came to Teen Challenge. I just thought that I was lucky. I wasted my talents for years because I didn't appreciate them as gifts from God, attitude is everything. With my renewed attitude of gratitude God can begin to use me for what he intended. For starters, a God fearing man, husband, and father.

I really want to obey God and this new desire is more than an, "I have to", but an "I want to." I get to worship the One who forgave me of all of my sins and has given me hope, I'll love Him forever!

Teen Challenge 11th Annual Golf Marathon

Attention golfers...

Every year for the last eleven Teen Challenge of the Midlands hosts its annual Golf Marathon. We'd love for you to be a part and support continual life change in the lives of our men.

- Date - Monday September 15, 2008
- Location - Willow Creek Golf course 140 Army Post Rd. West Des Moines, IA
- Time - Breakfast at 6:15am, Shotgun start at 7:00am
- Format - 100 holes in a day! Details will be provided to facilitate play; most golfers are finished by 3:30 - 4:00pm
- Events - WHO Radio's Van and Bonnie broadcasting live from 5:00 - 9:00am. WHO Radio's Mark Allen in a closest-to-the-pin contest. Contests and prizes! Generous friends of Teen Challenge have made it possible to provide incentives for achieving pledge goals. Meals and refreshments provided through the day. 4:00pm banquet and awards presentation.

- Benefits - Networking with others. The satisfaction of helping people achieve 180 degree life change.

If you're interested in playing here's how it works. Each golfer must raise \$1,500.00 in pledges to golf 100 holes. That sounds like a big commitment but look at it this way. If you can find just ten people to make a commitment of \$1.50 per hole you've reached your requirement of \$1,500.00. All proceeds will go to Teen Challenge to help us continue to facilitate change in the lives of men for the glory of God.

If you're interested in raising pledges to golf, sponsoring a hole on the course, or being a part of the event in any other way please contact: **Steve Clouse at (515) 674 - 3713 Ext. 202**

