

"...I will make a way in the desert, and streams in the wasteland..." Isaiah 43:19

Hope & Restoration



Jan Grace leading worship with his team during Wives' Weekend



One of our students and his wife during the Big Creek outing

Jan and Phyllis Grace shared with our Teen Challenge students and their wives at the last Wives' Weekend held July 30th-August 1st. They ministered to all of us through sharing how, due to Jan's struggle with pornography and infidelity, they lost their ministry and almost lost their marriage. However, when we turn to God in repentance and walk in the light, He is faithful. Today, as the Graces depend on God, their marriage is stronger than ever and the Lord has restored Jan to ministry. Jan spoke about the prodigal son and how the Lord pursues us with His love.

All in attendance were blessed through worship, teaching and sharing led by the Graces. The wives were able to connect with one another and begin to build relationships with one another. Also, the couples had some time out for fun, picnicking and boating at Big Creek State Park.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next Wives' Weekend. It will be October 21st-23rd. Robert and Joyce Wilson will be sharing with all of the couples attending and it should be a powerful weekend of ministry. We look forward to seeing you there.

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A Testimony of God's Saving Grace

Drugs—I never thought I would ever have to worry about this. I can remember when I was a little girl watching TV shows on how drugs really messed up people's lives. This didn't happen to me, but to the man I loved and married. My name is Stacy Valcoure, and I would like to share with you the story of my life as the wife of a man addicted to drugs. My husband, Brian, had done drugs for several years. About four years ago he got into the heavy drugs. When I found out about all of it, I was pregnant with our third child. My husband checked himself into a rehab for a month. When he got out, he said he didn't want anything to do with me and he wanted a divorce. I was eight months pregnant when he told me. I was lost and didn't know what to do. I cried for a week straight. I couldn't even go to Wal-Mart without crying. Everyone kept telling me to "pull yourself together—you have three kids to take care of." It was the hardest thing I ever went through. My mother kept telling me to pray and give it to God. It took me a while, but when I did, I asked the Lord to take all of my problems and that I needed His strength. After I surrendered my life to Him, He started to show me things in my life I never knew before. I was never a patient person, but God just kept telling me to be patient, and that He would take care of everything. Brian had moved out, and wasn't helping me financially. I had a full-time job and was a full-time mother. I started praying for my husband and asked the Lord to show me what He wanted me to do with the

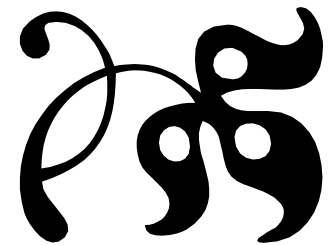
situation I was in. The Lord continued to tell me that He had a plan for Brian and to just pray for him and be patient. I remember going to my home church one Sunday. They had just gotten a



new pastor and he knew about my situation. He told me about a place called Teen Challenge. I went home and got on the Internet and read about the program. I was so thrilled to hear that there was a Christian place for my husband to go. I just needed to tell Brian about it. I ended up calling every church I knew of and asked if they would put out a prayer chain for him to get to this place called Teen Challenge. My husband came over one evening and I told him about the program. He wasn't too thrilled, but he said he would go. We picked Neosho, Missouri because it was the closest to our home. He ended up staying for three weeks and came home. He told me he could do it on his own now. I was really upset. A few weeks passed by and he got busted and went to jail. The day of his hearing, they let him go. I finally told him that I didn't want anything to do with him and that I was ready to move on. He decided that he needed to do something in his life to change. God opened the door to Teen

Challenge of the Midlands. He entered the program in March of 2003. It wasn't easy trying to raise four kids on my own. It was very difficult trying to keep up with the house, kids and bills. The Lord totally gave me strength through it all. I started listening to Christian music, reading my Bible, and praying a lot more. The Lord was working on me as well as my husband. Whenever I would go to visit Brian, I saw a huge difference in him. It wasn't about pleasing himself anymore, but it was about pleasing God. During Wives' Weekend I learned so much about myself. God kept revealing things to both of us that we needed to change in our lives so that our relationship could grow. I'm happy to say that Brian completed the program in July of 2004. We are so excited to see what the Lord has planned for us. I would just like to encourage all of the wives to stand by your husband while he's at Teen Challenge. The Lord brought him here for a reason and he has a plan for both of you.

In Christ's Love,



New Wives' Ministry Coordinator

Judy Aubuchon came to Teen Challenge of the Midlands with her husband Ed almost one year ago. After pastoring eight different Assemblies of God churches over a period of 40 years, they sensed God leading in another direction. Since coming to Teen Challenge, Ed first served as Education Coordinator at the Colfax Center. Presently, he serves as the interim Director at the Omaha Re-Entry center.

Judy has sensed the hand of God upon her life since her first experience of attending church as a child of seven. She invited Christ into her heart that very first Sunday morning. She then attended church faithfully even though she was often the only one in her family who did. At the age of 13, she rededicated her life to Christ and several years later sensed a call to full-time ministry. Her ministry began with teaching Sunday School and conducting children's backyard Bible Clubs in the summertime.

1962 while still in college. They were involved in ministry as students, but full-time pastoral ministry began after graduating from Central Bible College in 1964. Judy always enjoyed her role as "Pastor's Wife." In the early years she worked mostly with children and teens. In the later years she also taught an adult Sunday School class and worked in the area of Women's Ministry. For 25 years she coordinated Missionettes (a girl's achievement program).

In addition to her volunteer church work, Judy worked as church secretary in two of the churches they served. She also served as the Women's Ministries Secretary for the Assemblies of God Iowa District for eight years and the Section 7 Missionettes Rep for several years.

The Aubuchons have a daughter and a son who are both married and four grandchildren.

and Judy to go to "hurting" people and situations. Through pastoral counseling and prayer, they have seen many lives touched by God's healing hand. It is Judy's prayer that God will use her to touch and encourage the wives of Teen Challenge students.



Rev. Ed & Judy Aubuchon

Ed and Judy were married in

Over the years, God has led Ed

Mark Your Calendars!

These are special events at Teen Challenge and wives are invited—if you have any questions, call Judy at (402) 551-2322.

Wives' Weekend—October 22nd-24th

Candlelight Service—December 24th

Wives' Weekend—January 21st-23rd

Cursillo—February 24th-27th

Spiritual Emphasis Week—April 13th-15th

Wives' Weekend—April 29th-May 1st





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A Harvest Prayer



Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

We thank You for the sun and the wind, the rain and the dew, the minerals of the earth and all the plants that grow and all the beasts and birds of farm and field. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for man's good.

Dear God, help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to. Teach us to share them with our neighbor when he is in need. Make us see, in the marvelous succession of seasons, and in the growth and ripening of our crops, the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence.

Help us to realize, too, that if we keep Your commandments and live according to the inspirations of Your grace, we shall also reap a plentiful harvest in the autumn of our lifetime: a harvest that we will be able to enjoy for ever and ever, where no rust can destroy, nor blight spoil any least part of it. Amen.