

Western Kentucky Teen Challenge
Monthly E – Letter
January 2009



Student Testimony



Ben Flannery

Ben is single with a teenage son and a 3 year old daughter. He is from Louisville and enjoys golf, fishing and reading. He is also a fantastic cook and prepares all the meals for Western Kentucky Teen Challenge.

He describes his addiction as, *"It started off exciting and a fun thing to pass the time with. Then it seemed like I worked a little better and made more money using drugs. Then I spent more than I had expected on drugs just to get me through the day. When this time came I realized I had a dependency. Self destruction and family problems followed. It was then I knew I had to change or die trying."*

Ben says that because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, *"I was restored with hope and life appeared to have new meaning for me and my family. I realized that with God's help I could overcome my life controlling issues and begin a new life as a Christian. Teen Challenge gave me the opportunity to place myself in new surroundings with people who care about helping others with life controlling problems."*

"So far I am reunited with my family and doors have opened up again for me financially. I want to help others find peace with God's love and understanding. It is institutions like this that lend a helping hand to get people on the right track and on a Christian path to endure life's challenges and live a healthy lifestyle again."

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How can I Help?

*****We are in need of two vehicles. We need a small economy car and an economical small passenger van. We recently had two vehicles go to be with the Lord.***

Speaking Engagements

Invite Western Kentucky Teen Challenge to speak at your church or civic group. The testimonies of the students are powerful and will energize your church or group. Our goal is to build relationships for generations to come as we lift up the name of Jesus Christ.

Monthly Supporters:

Western Kentucky Teen Challenge needs individuals, churches and corporations as monthly supporters. **Our monthly expenses are currently averaging \$27,000 and will increase to approximately \$45,000 as we move into Wingshadow Lodge in May 2009.** We need to start increasing our support system now. We thank you for supporting Teen Challenge. Please contact Katie Kerlick at 270-249-0007 or kkerlickwktc@yahoo.com if you would like to become a partner.

Tell our Story:

Lives are changing and God is moving in Teen Challenge. Spread the word in your church and community about this important work. Forward the E - Letter to your fellow church members and friends. Western Kentucky needs to know There is Hope.

Upcoming Events!

Sunday - January 25. Testimony Service. 6 pm @ Grapevine Baptist, Madisonville.

Sunday - January 25. Testimony Service. 6 pm @ Diamond Baptist, Clay.

Sunday - February 1. Testimony service w/ The Childress Family. 6 pm @ New Salem Baptist Church, Nortonville.

Sunday - February 8. Testimony service. 10:30 am @ Westview Assembly of God, Hopkinsville.

Sunday – March 8. Testimony service. 11:00 am @ Cherry Hill Baptist, Central City.

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Staff Profile



Maurice Washington "Mo"

Mo is the Facilities Director for Western Kentucky Teen Challenge. He is originally from Philadelphia. He is single with no children. Mo enjoys chess, reading and electronics. He has invested 11 years of his life in Teen Challenge ministry.

He states, "My passion is to see men who are held captive to life controlling problems like drugs, pornography, etc... come to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. My role is to encourage men to embrace Christ. I do this through my personal testimony and the Bible."

"I was sexually abused by a male family member at the age of 10. No father in my life. My mother was an alcoholic. I grew to hate God and everything He stood for. Scared mentally, I turned to drugs. I injected cocaine and meth for 27 years. In 1994 I overdosed on cocaine and was dying. I called on the one that I hated and He (God) gave me life and my eternal soul that night. I went to Teen Challenge a few years later where God prepared me for ministry."

"I praise God for not giving up on me. He could have let me die. The truth is that I deserved to die, yet He spared me and gave me a life that will bring Him glory."

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THANK YOU!
We cannot change lives without your support.

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