



TEEN CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL

The Proven Cure For The Drug Epidemic

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LATE SUMMER 2007

Restored, Renewed, Redeemed!

Kris Carrier



Kris and his lovely wife Breneia

I never knew much about Cincinnati before entering Teen Challenge in December of 2003. I knew even less about Milford, Ohio. I had no idea what the Lord would have in store for my family and me. I found out early on that the Lord will do whatever it takes to get our attention.

I can vividly recall wanting to leave Teen Challenge the second day after I entered the program and also around the four month mark. I thank the Lord every day for blessing me with Godly parents and a Godly wife who love the Lord so much and me so much that they would not allow me to leave. We don't serve a God who quits on us ... so I was encouraged to complete the program.

During my time on the "hill," I learned many lessons ... submitting to authority ... how to love doing the things that I've always hated. I gained the tools I needed to make it out here in the world and, as you all know, it's not easy out here.

When I left Teen Challenge after completing the program in 2004, I knew that I wanted to stay connected. I also knew that I couldn't go back to the place I came from. The Lord put it on my heart for my family and me to move up here following my completion of the program. It's funny how the Lord takes us on a strange journey to get us where He wants us to be. The Lord took me to a place that I didn't want to be ... a place that I tried to leave a couple of times.

Before I came to Teen Challenge, my identity was wrapped up in becoming a head basketball coach at the collegiate level. I went through countless secular rehabs but the Lord knew I needed more. I know now that my identity is in Christ. It is not in the kind of job a person has in the secular world.

I don't want to ever forget where I came from and what the Lord has brought me through. This is why I continue to stay connected to Teen Challenge. It is an absolute honor, joy and privilege when I serve as a volunteer driver to take the men to our church (Love and Faith Christian Center), the Christian Businessmen's Breakfast, or whatever else. These last four years have been the greatest in my life. The Lord restores, renews and redeems. He gives us so much more than anything we could ever hope or dream for. Praise His name!

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New Staff Spotlight

My name is Scott Feist, I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and went to Lakota High School. I was raised in an upper middle class home, played soccer and swam on the swim team most of my younger years up through high school. I began rebelling against basically all authority and started drinking at the age of 11.

Although my upbringing was relatively good from the world's view I just thought my parents were too strict and I wanted to do what I wanted to do. My parents first tried family counseling, then boarding school, and then finally a live-in residential secular program called Straight. About this time I learning about harder drugs and had intense rebellion. I was there for 22 months then finally was terminated. Shortly after leaving that program I was saved at the age of 18. The seeds were firmly planted by the Lord Himself and

watered continually as He patiently waited on me to follow Him. You see, I had not known about the importance of the intense discipleship one needs after salvation as the Lord continues to sanctify us and to strengthen us daily. I realize all of the troubles I faced over the next 14 years were all working out for the good because even though I had fallen because of my ignorance and was perishing for my lack of knowledge, the Lord is still faithful to complete that work He had begun in me at 18. Drugs, alcohol and a promiscuous lifestyle all came to an end in 2001 after being charged and convicted of my 11th drunk driving violation. I truly was completely broken and desperate for my Lord. Shortly thereafter I heard of Lansing Teen Challenge in Michigan and knew my life as I was living it was over. The judge graciously allowed me to complete the program before sentencing me which I did on October 4th, 2002. During that time the Lord placed a passion in me for training up children from birth in the Word of God, and army, if you will, of prayer warriors, soul winners, and disciple makers. Since that vision was birthed I have patiently waited for the Lord to move. During this period of waiting, my wife Liz and I, have been blessed with 5 healthy boys, Nathaniel, Jesse, Jeremiah, Jacob and Joseph. These are my first 5 to train up from birth in His Word. The Lord in this time has blessed my painting and drywall business in Michigan along with my volunteering for Lansing Teen Challenge which has kept me rooted and humbled. I look forward to being a part of Cincinnati Teen Challenge and am ready to do my very best at helping these men to become the warriors in Christ they were called to be. My family and I will be moving to Milford, September 1st, where I plan to re-establish my business (KSF Professional Painting) and become part of this great ministry touching lives for years to come.



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donations**

Did You Know?

Auto donations are critical to the equipping aspects of our program. Those students who complete and choose to enter our Re-Entry phase remain under, receive further life skills training, career focused job opportunities and the much needed transportation.

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Check out our informative and dynamic web site! www.teenchallengecincinnati.org
Monitor current events, **Listen to chapel speakers, testimonies** and direct others to it who are in need, email, and donate easily and securely online!

Would you like to also get this newsletter electronically? What an opportunity to "forward" the work of the Ranch to your friend! Just let us know by emailing us at email@teenchallengecincinnati.org

The Ranch Hosts it's Second Annual Adventure Camp for Boys

On July 23 through 25 the Ranch hosted the second Teen Challenge Adventure Camp for boys ages 8 to 12. Camp fees were waived and transportation was provided to hurdle any barriers standing in the way of a child attending. Local area churches provided the outreach in locating and promoting the camp to families. This year's theme was Leadership. To view more of this year's camp activities go to our website www.TeenChallengeCincinnati.org



Who Are We?

Located on 165 acres of beautiful countryside in Milford, Teen Challenge Cincinnati is a mission of hope, offering a 9-12 month residential treatment program to men ages 18-35 who are dealing with the problems of drug and alcohol addictions.

Mission Statement

Evangelize people who have life controlling problems and initiate the discipleship process to the point where the student can function as a Christian in society applying spiritually motivated biblical principles to relationships in the family, local church, chosen vocation and the community. Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive.

"The Good Report!"

(We want to highlight noteworthy accomplishments from alumni. Please submit items for our next newsletter.)

Ryan Spon (1998) is working for Family Life Counseling in Mansfield, Ohio in the Psychiatric Services Department where he is a Drug and Alcohol Case Manager! He is doing well and is involved with Crossroads Church. He also works with Sports World where they take retired Christian football players into local jails and schools to do inspirational presentations.



Ryan Krall (2001) is in his senior year at Clearcreek Baptist College, working for his degree in Missions and Evangelism. Congratulations to him on his recent marriage which took place on June 1!

Dusty Tompkins (2006) is doing well and recently was hired as an Assistant Manager at Journey's (clothing store).

Josh Berry (2007) – "I am working at Glenn Buick GMC. God has blessed me abundantly. I am successful at work and in life because of Christ in my life. People respect my Christian values and it makes doing business enjoyable."

"My nephew graduated your program in October of 2006. He is blessed to have found you; with your help and God's, he has risen above his addictions. We are proud of him and love him very much. Thank you for being there for him. He is doing great!" - TD

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU... Alumni of Teen Challenge (grads and non grads) ... we want to organize, come together in unity and lift each other up! Please call us with your contact information and an update on how you are doing.

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Remember Teen Challenge when Estate Planning

Our endowment fund, "*Securing their Destiny*" is growing steadily and stands as an excellent opportunity for your giving consideration – be it wills, stocks, or as a named beneficiary to an insurance policy. This financially wise method of stewardship helps ensure the long-term financial stability of Teen Challenge and provides a planned means for the Ranch to continue its much-needed outreach to the lost, bound in the cycle of drug and alcohol addiction.

For more information call
(513)248-0452 x105

Needs List ... We Need Your Help!

Volunteer Needs:

Volunteer your church group to come and serve at Family Night!

Financial needs:

We are in critical need of replacing and upgrading the heating and air conditioning in the Dorm. Over half of the units are non functional and the remaining beyond cost effective repair Estimated cost - \$32,000.

We need to install acoustic tiling in our gym - \$2,000. If we do it our self – and we can! Our entire sound system (mic's to amp) is on it's last leg and needs to be replaced so our audio reflects the quality and excellence of what is spoken \$3,000.

Please consider sponsoring the cost of discipling a student for an entire month - \$1,800

We can always use:

Nice, clean men's dress and work clothing and shoes
Cars or Trucks in good working condition
Automotive mechanic's tools
A working bobcat