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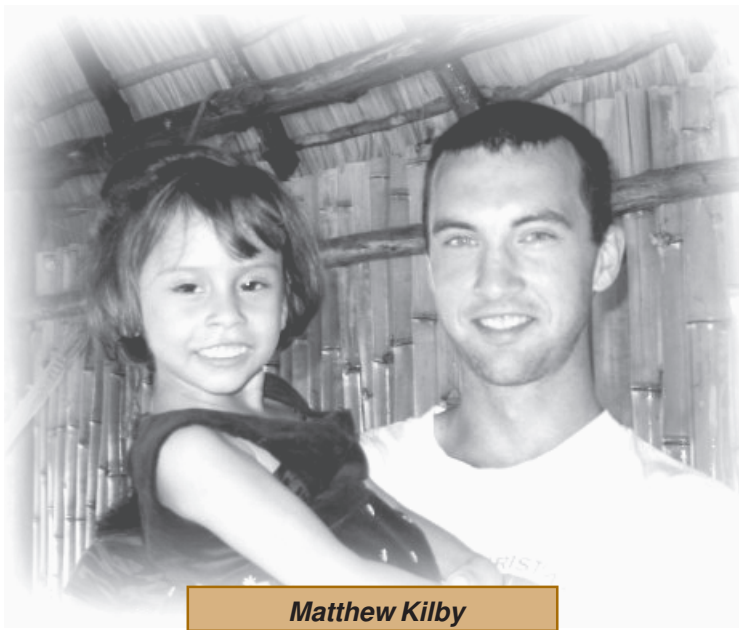
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## A Testimony by Matthew Kilby

Almost four years ago I found myself in a 6 by 8 foot cell. That was my life. 10 years of drug addiction and stealing. This was what I had become; this was the definition of who I was. Broken and lost, I was in the place that Christ was able to start using me for His work. After 3 days of being there He came into my heart and allowed me to become a new creation. The next 4 ½ months that I was in jail He taught through His word and guided me through my difficult time in jail. Once I got out I still knew there was more Christ was wanting from me and more that I was not letting go of. He showed me I needed to go to Teen Challenge to deal with my problem with authority, lack of discipline and legalism. My first nine months at Teen Challenge were such a blessing. I was taught in the Word of God, prayer and how to live a Christian life. There I was 5 days before my completion date, ready to move on with my life. Thankfully the Lord knew what was still in my heart. There was still some of my own will and own desire. He allowed the director of Teen Challenge to see this and it was decided that I was to stay another month. That month was the most important one of my life. If I would have been allowed to complete before that month, I would have gone right back to my old life.



**Matthew Kilby**

Once I graduated, I immediately sought to go into the mission field. It was 9 months from the time I started raising money till the time I got enough for 10 months on the mission field. The Lord taught me a lot during that time of raising money. If this was to come about, it would be in His timing and not mine. During the first 7 ½ months of raising money I received no money. But the final 1 ½ months I receive all the money I would need for 10 months on the field. Nicaragua was the place the Lord called me to serve. I started out working with disabled children and youth with addictions. Shortly after being there I found out the lady I was working with was stealing money from me and stealing donated money for the children. I was stuck with a tough decision. Should I leave or stay? The Lord showed me that I made a commitment and I needed to stick with that commitment regardless of what others do.

After being in Nicaragua 6 months the Lord finally allowed for me to be released from working with that lady. I started working full time at a center for abandoned children for the rest of my stay in Nicaragua. Last November was the end of my 10 months on the mission field. When I came back I was already making plans to go back to Nicaragua in 3 months. Because of some circumstances in Nicaragua, the center I was working with and Christ's guidance I decided to finish my schooling and become certified to work with children and youth. This fall I started at Cincinnati Christian University working on a BS in Biblical Studies and Middle Childhood Education. I look forward to this as it will be an extension of my ministry and development as a co-laborer in the body of Christ.

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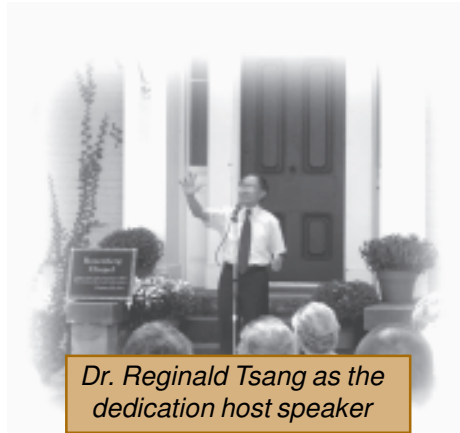
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# Teen Challenge Planning Women's Maternity Home - Progress Update!

The new women's maternity home was dedicated on September 13 and celebrated with an all day house warming the following weekend. The final stages of preparation for the women's maternity home are near completion. Staffing, organization and necessary remodeling is near completion and we hope to be rescuing women and their children by December 1! Mid November was the anticipated opening, however the storm and related damage put us back a full two weeks. We are planning to put out a separate Women's home newsletter to keep you specifically informed as to this part of the ministry..



The purpose of the women's home is to break the cycle of bondage (emotional, physical and spiritual) in needy and destitute women and ultimately their children through the discipleship process. We have approximately \$210,000 in capital funding we still need to raise. Please consider giving to this great cause. To find out more about the women's home and our current needs go to [www.TeenChallengeCincinnati.org](http://www.TeenChallengeCincinnati.org)



*Dr. Reginald Tsang as the dedication host speaker*



*Sandy diligently busting grout haze*



*George Martin takes time out to disciple student workers and volunteers.*



**Visa/Mastercard accepted for donations**

### Did You Know

We are completely privately funded and do not rely on any state or federal monies. It is through the generosity of individuals, businesses and churches that give us the freedom to do this great work changing the hearts and minds of individuals. Also, you can contribute safely and securely online via our website.

### Get Connected Online @ [www.teenchallengecincinnati.org](http://www.teenchallengecincinnati.org)

Check out our web site at [www.teenchallengecincinnati.org](http://www.teenchallengecincinnati.org) Monitor current events, Listen to chapel speakers, testimonies 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](mailto:email@teenchallengecincinnati.org)

## Christmas Tree Sale Canceled

We have chosen this year to not sell Christmas trees due to the effort expended and the subsequent diminishing financial returns. Please consider donating in another way to support this ministry.



### "Industry!"

Teen Challenge Staff used last month's wind storm to demonstrate in action the word - industry. With the resultant great extent of tree damage, the ministry purchased additional chain saw equipment and went to work. By mid day of day one, the students received a first hand demonstration in self initiative and overcoming circumstances along with a life skills lesson in economics. While not only netting a positive return on their investment and operating costs, they made the opportunity to offer their services at no charge to several of those in need.

### "The Good Report!"

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

**Vince Anderson** (1999) is living in Clarksville, Tennessee where he works with First Choice Foods cooking for Army mess halls. He attends Park Lane Church of the Nazarene and is doing great!

**Robert Hooks** (2004) is working full-time with City Gospel Mission and also attends Cincinnati Christian University where he is majoring in Preaching. He attends Covenant Church in Finneytown.

**Josh Bell** (2005) was married in November 2007 and he and his wife recently bought their first home in Crawfordsville, Indiana! He works with R. R. Donnelly Printing Company where he operates printing presses.

**Steve Probus** (2006) has been working for the General Motors Plant in Corydon, Indiana for the past two years where he is making car parts. He said this is the longest he has ever held a job! He recently bought a home in Brandenburg, Kentucky and plans to marry later this year. He thanks everyone for their prayers.

I just want to thank every one there for all the help that my son received while he was there. I didn't know where my son was for 9 years, and when I did hear from him God had made a difference in his life. On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, he (did) his third trial sermon and received his license to preach God's Word. He is married, owns his home, and (is) working for the Lord. I wanted you all to know. I am so proud of him. RG

**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. Alumni meet every 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm. for teaching, sharing and fellowship.



#### 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.

*Restoring God's  
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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:

Local churches are involved with our ministry in a variety of ways ...  
Serving (not cooking) the food at a monthly Family Night dinner  
Preparing a meal and serving it to our students  
Praying for monthly prayer requests from the students  
Bringing a men's group to do an evening devotion with the men  
Supporting what we do financially on a regular basis  
Women volunteer drivers for the Maternity Home.  
Women who would volunteer to watch over the ladies at the home.

### Financial needs:

Financial founders who will help make the Women's Maternity Home possible.  
Please consider sponsoring the cost of disciplining a young man for an entire month - \$1,800  
Please consider giving toward our bonus pool to be distributed to our hard working staff this holiday season.

### 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