



JUNE 2016

## HOPE... AND DESPAIR

### **Teaming Up to Bridge the Gap Between Hope and Despair...**

We cannot repeat often enough our THANKS and GRATITUDE to the North Texas District officials, pastors, congregations and friends who help support this ministry in a multitude of ways.

In the past month our residents have been blessed to participate in the **MAN-UP Conference** at Trinity Church (Cedar Hills), and the **NTD MEN'S ENGAGE Conference** at Lakeview Camp and Retreat Center. They were also part of a **Rockwall Sectional Meeting** where they were actively involved, along with pastors

and other men, in an evening of games, dinner and worship.

Some of our residents wanted to share how they have grown in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God while having a great time of fellowship with other believers.

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## HOPE *Cont. from Pg 1*

"My time at Teen/Life Challenge has been packed with excitement as we have spent time learning about our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

At the MAN UP Rally we had an amazing chance to worship and fellowship with many Holy-Spirit filled men and were challenged with a message shared out of Joel – the story of Caleb – who, in his struggle, found a stronghold in the Lord.

This message reminded me that while I need to be away from my wife and children, God is my stronghold – the One that will provide and protect my family and me. This experience wiped away my fears and worries. I was able to leave the evening with peace in my heart. Thank You Lord!

At the North Texas Men's Conference we were able to take part in many fun competitions and the time of fellowship allowed us to develop friendship and network

with others in the Kingdom of God.

A real WOW: We were able to meet and hear the testimony of one of my favorite WWE wrestlers – 'Sting' who shared how he was stuck in the chains of bondage until Jesus Christ came into his life and completely changed his direction.

On the second night a message of hope and strength was shared and the praise and worship time was explosive. The altar call found my roommate and other TLC residents making a commitment to Christ. Some were baptized in water - showing their commitment to follow Christ. GLORY TO GOD... He worked in wonderful ways during these two events."

- Jeff

"During this last month, I had the distinct blessing of attending two events in which I not only experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit, but also received messages that resonated in me greatly. At the

MAN UP Event the sermon emphasized that *'You can never defeat an enemy that you submit to.'* During my twenty plus years of being chained, shackled and imprisoned in the bondage of sin and addiction, I had submitted to the things of this world – submitting to the ruler of this world, Satan. My hardened heart had blinded me from recognizing that my feelings of utter defeat were a direct result of submitting to the enemy. It was only after surrendering and submitting to the Lord that I have been able to walk in victory instead of defeat.

At the North Texas Men's Engage Conference Pastor Robert exhorted us to *'pull the weeds and plant good seed.'* I was reminded that pulling weeds requires action on my part, as well as planting good seed – the Word of God. The combination of praise and worship, coupled with hearing and sharing in the things of Christ was encouraging and edifying. It was a privilege and honor to be able to be a part of these events."

- Jason

*TRINITY CHURCH (Cedar Hill) MAN UP EVENING Residents of TeenLife Challenge scored FIRST PLACE as they competed in a number of "in-door sports" activities.*





# TEEN LIFE CHALLENGE GRADUATION BANQUETS



**JULY 22** **Family Cathedral of Praise** (Sanctuary)  
790 Windbell Circle, Mesquite 75149  
(DINNER LINES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.)

**JULY 29** **Freedom Life Church** (The Rock)  
2435 E. Hebron Parkway, Carrollton 75010  
(DINNER LINES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.)

**AUG 5** **Crossroads of Life A/G** (Gym)  
123 W. Highway 67, Duncanville 75137  
(DINNER LINES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.)

## TIX \$12<sup>50</sup>

Seats Are Limited! All Tickets Must Be Purchased  
In Advance! No Tickets Sold At The Door!  
(Check with your local church office to purchase tickets!)

The evening will include testimonies, the TLC Mass Men's Choir, graduation presentation, fellowship with hundreds of other supporters of the TLC, and as usual, a catered dinner.  
SPONSORSHIP: Please help by sponsoring our men and staff. Missions Credit Given.



**FOR MORE INFO: 214.824.6181 TEENLIFECHALLENGE.COM**

## MANY, MANY THANKS TO...

- **First at Kaufman (Women's Ministries)** – for another contribution of cereals
- **To the Pastors & Churches where TLC ministered during May:**
  - **Christian Fellowship Church - Breckenridge**, and prison (near Breckenridge)
  - **Kiestwood Assembly – Dallas**
  - **First Assembly - Haskell**
  - **Ranch House Cowboy - Maypearl**

## \$15,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE!

**A friend of Teen Life Challenge wants to match your gift, dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000! Making some progress – Please jump on the bus with others!** As you step up to meet this challenge, your giving IS DOUBLED which results in a DOUBLE REDUCTION of THE LIGHTHOUSE indebtedness. We trust you will prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you help meet this CHALLENGE. Thanks for marking your check "\$15,000 Matching Challenge" so we can keep this friend who wants to match your giving...informed!

## HOW 2 HELP?

We are in need of oven cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent and SAM'S gift cards to purchase "convenience foods" for lunch on class days.

## A NEW WAY TO BLESS TLC!

**APPROVED / SIGNED BY CONGRESS... ANOTHER CREATIVE WAY TO BLESS TLC (and save you taxes!)** If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may request the trustee of your IRAs to annually transfer up to \$100,000.00 tax free of your Required Mandatory Distributions (RMD) to Teen/Life Challenge, an "approved" 501(c)(3) organization. The funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee (bank or investment company) to Teen/Life Challenge in order for it to be tax free to the donor. We suggest you talk with your accountant / financial adviser who will be able to walk you through the process.

## TEENLIFE CHALLENGE @ YOUR CHURCH?

We are a North Texas District "Home Missions" ministry. Call 214.824.6181 or email us at [egh.tc@hotmail.com](mailto:egh.tc@hotmail.com) to schedule a choir and speaker. Contact us soon to get "your date" scheduled! YES, we are anticipating Wednesday evenings or other special activities. We will size the choir and our part to your schedule. Thank you!

## SHOP AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way to support TeenLife Challenge. Go to the "While You Shop" page (link found under the "Support TLC" button on [teenlifechallenge.com](http://teenlifechallenge.com)) and use the "AmazonSmile / TeenLife Challenge of Dallas Inc." special link. Select TeenLife Challenge of Dallas, Inc. as your charitable organization. Amazon will now donate 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to TLC!

## DONATE WITH PAYPAL!

Through the PayPal, Inc. connection you can now make contributions to TeenLife Challenge of Dallas with credit cards online! Just go to the TLC website ([teenlifechallenge.com](http://teenlifechallenge.com)), Click support TLC and click DONATE from the drop down.

## NEED HELP?

1. Call 214.824.6181 to discuss your situation. Ask for Paul. If I'm "active", I'll get back to you later. My objective is to give others the opportunity to receive Christ.
2. If you live within 1 hour, you will be requested to come in for an interview in Dallas or Desoto.
3. If you live over an hour from these locations, you can order the application packet - \$25 - complete and mail in.
4. If the choir is scheduled in your area, you will be invited to attend the service and an interview can be scheduled after the service.