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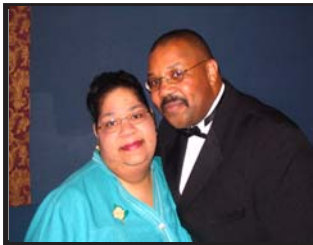
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Restoring the Broken!

Dear Friends,

We want to say hello from "the Ranch", Youth Challenge Bible Training Center. It is 2006 and we are still mending broken lives one at a time, one day at a time. Thank you for your past support to this great work of restoring the broken and remember as you and I know there is still work to be done!

Husband's, Father's, Son's and Uncle's that are still drug addicted need our help. We still would like to count on you for your support of this great work. To GOD BE THE GLORY!!! The expansion project is going well at the 10-14 Adams Drive, Central Village, CT. The community as well as the men from "the Ranch", Phase II, come to enjoy the outreach at least three times a week. At this time the parking lot is our biggest concern, it needs to be paved and we have raised a portion of the monies, but more is needed.

Prayerfully keep this in mind when you pray for us. 1 Thess 5:17 says, "Be joyful always; pray continually."

At "the Ranch" residential center, where we hold our 4th of July Family Day Festival on our 10 acre field, we always have maintenance needs. Last year we had a great time at our graduation banquet in Plainfield, CT at the town hall, along with the Youth Challenge Mission for Women and the Men's Residential Center in Hartford, CT. Some of the men from "the Ranch" Bible Training Center were among those who graduated or received one year completion certificates. 2 Corinthians 4:7 says: "but we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us!"

Remember supporters, family and friends – Rebuilding lives is a necessity!!

Respectfully,

The Reverend Tyrone and Jennifer Glaspie
Director of the Youth Challenge Bible Training Center

Upcoming Events

August 5, 2006 2pm
YC Expansion Project/ Glory
Chapel Family Outreach
Celebration Service
Central Village, CT

September 9, 2006 10am
YC Annual Walk-a-thon
Hartford, CT

October 21, 2006 6pm
Youth Challenge Graduation
Plainfield Town Hall

November 24, 2006 7:30pm
YC Alumni Service
Hartford, CT

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“Work time!”



“The Ranch” Staff & Students



Broken Menthat are being Restored!



Driveway that needs to be paved



**The parking lot that needs
to be paved**



My name is Chris. For the past 10 years of my life I have been caught up in drinking and using drugs. About five years ago, I met the Lord, but I did not give my life to him. I pretty much turned my back on him and denied Him. From then my life rapidly went down hill. I started to get into massive amounts of trouble with the law and my family was torn apart. But God is a good God! Since I have dedicated my life to him, He has been nurturing me. He has taken care of my court case and has mended my family. God is my life! I know He will continue to do it as long as I stay in His will and put all my trust in Him. I finished the first phase of the program and I'm presently at Youth Challenge Bible Training Center the “Ranch”. I've come a long way already and I know with the help of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is more in store! Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

“HELPING THE HURTING”



My name is Garth and I've been an addict, gambler, liar, and womanizer but mostly a "crack head" (crack cocaine) for 29 years. I had accumulated all the good jobs, money, clothes, cars, homes,

women and I still was not satisfied. I was looking for something else but I didn't know what it was. All this time my life and everything around me was crumbling but I could not see it. In 2001 I found myself homeless, jobless, all my money was gone, all the relationships broken. I walked the streets all night in freezing weather, sleeping in hospital emergency rooms, and eating at soup kitchens. I got tired of this life. I began visiting a church and I cried out to God and God heard me and helped me. I managed to stay clean for approximately 2 years. I was once again blessed with possessions; I got another good job as a consultant at an insurance company. I was getting money and women, cars, clothes, I began going to back to church and everything seemed just fine. But I was an expert at messing things up. In a relationship, I actually got married but drugs took over again, seemingly out of nowhere. The problem was that I had failed to continue doing what had kept me clean: praying, fasting, going to church and keeping my relationship with God a priority. My marriage failed which upset me and that brought me back to drugs even more deeply. By September 2005, I had depleted all my resources. I was hopeless, and homeless. I had no hope to live. But God already had a plan, it was Youth Challenge, and he kept me through it all. All the events of my travels are not listed but just know that God was there. Trust me, I know. I came to Youth Challenge October 18, 2005 and God heard my cry one more time. He set me free! Praise be to God for Youth Challenge. Now I have hope and a future. Thank you for your continued prayers for us. We are grateful!



My name is Jason. When I was about 10 years old I became a rebellious child. I started to rebel against my family and people who cared about me and by the age of 13 and 14, I started to rebel against God. This is also the time when I started to smoke cigarettes. At the age of 15 I committed my very first crime. On my 16th birthday I went to trial for it.

The prosecutor said I could face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison but by the grace of God they didn't do that, instead they gave me probation and house arrest. Before all this I was getting high, but with the stress of probation and the amount of money I owed, which was about \$32,000 my drug habit sky-rocketed. Now I was drinking and smoking more.

By the ages of 17-18 I was playing around with bigger drugs like crack cocaine. Once I graduated high school at the age of 19, I fled to Los Angeles, California with a friend while still on probation. After about 3 months there I came back to Connecticut, and by the grace of God I did not miss any probation appointments. Between the ages of 19-20 I was arrested for drug possession and risked a violation of my probation, but once again God pulled me through and that never happened.

On the morning of New Years 2005 at 2:00 AM I broke into a store and stole cigarettes and sold them for drug money. Four months later I was caught. I went to court over and over again for this. Then during the summer of 2005 I started trying heroin. I got a job during the summer to support this new habit; my friend lent me his motorcycle, a Harley Davidson. I ended up taking this privilege too far, I started to drink and drive. One night after having a few I went to see a buddy at work. We drove home separately. I ended up taking a detour. I was going about 60 mph on a back road, excited about going to a party, and I came around a corner too fast and crashed into a stone wall. I came out of that with a messed up leg, but it was not broken. How did I live through that? I say, the only thing I know is that the grace of God was upon me. A week later I was pulled over for driving too fast in another friend's car, I have never had a license and the cop let me off with a ticket.

Now with the end of summer near I was going to court for all these cases and a new violation of probation. My public defender said I was now risking going to prison for a long time. The one night before what I thought was my last night of freedom, my friends and I prayed that I would not go to prison. So the next morning I went to court. My public defender talked to me and early in the morning referred me to a court social worker and from her to a pastor and from the pastor to Youth Challenge. On October 4, 2005 I walked through the doors of Youth Challenge and at that moment my desires for drugs vanished. Hopes came in place of the wrong desires I'd had. I went from being broken, busted and disgusted, homeless to a new life of hope in Christ. I give all the glory to God and thanks to him I am still alive. Where would I be without God? Wow. Thank you God. Thanks to all of you who support this ministry helping people like me find a new life!

**Special needs at
The Bible Training Center**

We have several needs
to meet in order to maximize
our potential at
The YC Bible Training Center:

1. Your Prayers
2. Gravel for the driveway at the Ranch
3. The parking lot at the Family Outreach
property needs to be paved.

Other Needs (For All centers):

- * YOUR MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT *
- Linen (sheets-towels-etc.)
 - Office Supplies
 - Cleaning Supplies
 - Home and Garden tools
 - Personal Items

Don't be brain dead!

WHY DO PEOPLE TURN TO DRUGS?

THERE IS NOT A SINGLE REASON WHY PEOPLE

USE DRUGS, BUT HERE ARE

A FEW EXCUSES GIVEN FOR USING THEM:

- * **To escape pressures**
- * **To fill a void within themselves**
- * **Easily accessible**
- * **Bored**
- * **To have fun**
- * **To feel accepted with a group**
- * **To satisfy curiosity**

If someone you know is addicted to drugs and
wants to stop, there is a cure: JESUS CHRIST

HERE ARE 5 STEPS TO RECOVERY

1. Admit you are hooked
2. Stop looking for an easy way out
3. Give your life to God
4. Start planning your life with God involved
5. Don't be afraid - You can do it!

Cited information from: Jay Strack, "Drugs and Drinking What Every Teen and Parent Should Know"

Youth Challenge Annual Walk-A-Thon
Saturday, September 9, 2006

The Walk-A-Thon is conducted to raise funds for programs where individuals
with substance abuse problems, and their families, are finding hope and help.

Substance abuse has been cited as America's number one problem, and
Youth Challenge is on the front line!!

Registration is 9 AM and
Start time is 10 AM
Walk begins at the
Men's Residential Center
15-17 May Street
Hartford, CT

Refreshments, food and good
fellowship after the walk

**Youth Challenge's
ANNUAL**



Walk-A-Thon

**WANT TO
SPONSOR SOME-
ONE?
WALK, JOG OR RUN?
GET SPONSORS?**

Return the card inside and
receive a sponsor sheet
and more info.

WALK AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE! STAND UP AND DO SOMETHING!