

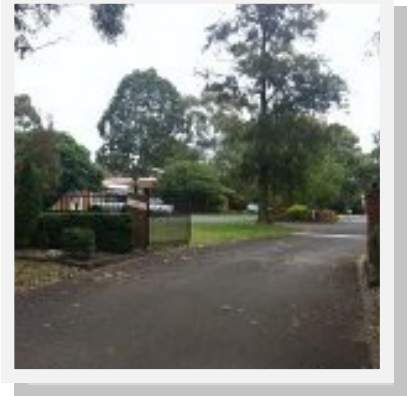
AUTUMN UPDATE 2012



EXPANSION!.....

"Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords And strengthen your pegs." Isaiah 54:2

Some years ago in a chapel service at Kyabram, a visiting couple prayed this verse over me and said that this would come to pass with Teen Challenge Victoria. An enlargement of our capacity to help people. As I shared last year, we had begun a collaborative relationship with IBLP (Institute for Basic Life Principles) with the gift of the use of a beautiful farm in Willow Grove, Gippsland. We have now extended that relationship to be blessed with the use of their facility in Lilydale. We now have the use of a ten acre property, it has office space, 5 houses, 48 ensuite bedrooms, dining room for 100 people, commercial kitchen facility, meeting rooms, chapel, squash court, tennis court and really lovely garden settings. Marcia and I have relocated onto the property into one of the houses. We are now able offer our graduates from Kyabram a safe place to transition back into city life and provide support as they seek employment and re-intergration.



We share the use of the facility with IBLP staff and boarding students from Australian Centre for Mission Aviation (ACMA). These are trainee pilots and engineers seeking to serve the cause of Christ in different parts of the world when finished training with organisations like MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). This is a wonderful opportunity for our graduates of the "Live Free" program to rub shoulders with young men and women including families, who are dedicated to a life of service to Christ, in a very practical manner. The IBLP courses in Christian life principles are also available for our graduates to assist with the ongoing learning and discipleship outside of the Teen Challenge centre.

This facility will allow us to expand the Family Counselling undertaken by Tony Chandler. Tony works with family members together with students to help with the family relationships so often damaged with addictive behavior. One of our previous graduates "Kong" has moved here and taken on the role of cooking for the ACMA students. Kong was our cook in Kyabram for approx. 18 months. A great blessing to us all.

We are very grateful to IBLP for the very generous opportunity to share this facility. We invite you to come and visit us in Lilydale and see the amazing provision of the Lord. He is truly able to do far more than we could ask or think. A very exciting start to 2012.



May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Neil Meyer
Executive Director
Teen Challenge Vic

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR

- Students graduating
- Monthly Donors!
- Addition of Bernie & Leah Leahy
- Donations of cars for recovery
- New Computer
- New Computer server

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Spiritual covering for our staff
- More Mentoring Staff for students
- Health for Staff & Students during winter months
- Continued financial support
- Opportunities to share in schools
- Students as they travel the road to recovery

LIVES RESCUED.....



My name is Roland Scorgie, I am 38 and have been at Teen Challenge for 15 months. Today life looks much brighter and hope is very much a part of any future aspirations I may have. When I came to Teen Challenge I had lost all hope. I was mentally, physically and spiritually exhausted. Completely devoid of any hope, love and life. Although I had a somewhat respectable appearance, on the inside, I was living a tangible hell here on earth. I had for a long time lived by pure ambition and self will. I had completed high school after initially migrating to Australia with my parents and siblings in 1987. I then went to University completing a Bachelors Degree and landing a high paying corporate job. I had it all I thought, but self will ran out and I began to crumble. The drinking started slowly at first, but as time went on it increased both in quantity and regularity. One day I found myself sleeping on the streets, having lost track of time and my mind constantly replaying scenes of destruction and heartache that my alcoholism had caused throughout the 15 years of my addiction. So here I was 15 months ago, at a place I did not for the life of me want to be, and here I am 15 months down the track loving the place because throughout this journey I have been able to hand my life over to God, to accept myself just as I am, and to have hope. As a man I have been through a right of passage. I am studying full time again and looking forward to a career serving others. And to top it all off I am filled with hope, have restored relationships once lost and have a new perspective on life that I never thought would be possible. Who would have thought!

My name is Matthew Brown and I am 18 years old. I entered the Teen Challenge program when I was 16 on the 29/12/2010. I was brought up in a family where I got a lot of attention and love. When I was 8 years old I started to notice my mum and dad fighting a lot, which eventually led to my mum and dad splitting up when I was 9 years old. I began high school with a very bad start, getting into trouble all the time and getting into the wrong crowds. I started smoking marijuana socially when I was 13 years old and very quickly led to being dependant on marijuana to function everyday. I started dealing marijuana at 14 as a way to make money and have marijuana when I wanted it. At 16 I was kicked out of my 4th school. Family gave up on me. After having an argument with my dad, I ran away from everyone. I eventually saw that my life was messed up. I could not control myself. I disappointed my family all the time and I was just a very broken little boy. After coming to the realization that I needed to change, I reached out to my mum asking for help and what I had to do to get the help that I needed. She found Teen Challenge and now as I look back that was God's plan. I finished the Teen Challenge program on the 16th of January 2012 and am now staying on to do the SLT (Servant Leadership Training). I am also going back to study for Year 11 for the 5th time. I would not change the life I have now for anything!



My name is Richard Mummery. I was born in 1991. I started life not knowing my real father as he wasn't around from the age of 1. I spent the first 7 years of my life in an abusive house hold as my stepfather struggled with drug abuse. I only really remember his angry outbursts at my mother and me. When I turned 8 my mother got married to my current step dad. He welcomed me into his life and accepted me as his own son. From there my childhood years completely changed. We began going to church and learned how to live a Christian life. I started high school in 2004 and it wasn't long before I was hanging out with the "rebellious" kids at school. I had my first drink when I was 14 which became every weekend and then almost every day. When I turned 15 I had started playing guitar in a band, that's when I was first introduced to marijuana. My parents and I began arguing all the time and in 2006 I left home, wanting to do my own thing (getting high). I thought life was sweet. I didn't have anyone telling me what to do. I could use all day, every day. I found myself spending time with harder users and criminals. I tried morphine for the first time when I was 16. I got my own house in 2008 and I thought life was good. I had a girl, house, money, and friends. I looked at my life and thought "what more could I want?".....but my mental health was deteriorating and I was having violent blackouts in my drug stupors. It wasn't long before my girlfriend left me saying she was scared of me. That's when I stopped caring. I lost everything to my addictions. In the end I was living on the street, no house, no girl, and no money. All I had were drugs and my so called "mates". I decided I needed help. When I got to Teen Challenge I was lost and broken. I hated myself and life.....but then I met God and my life has never been the same. He has given me a brand new life and taken me away from all the junk I was in. He has also restored my family relationships. Myself, mum and my stepdad have never been closer, and my 13 year old brother knows that I'm safe now. I now know I've got acceptance from the one person I need....God!

SUCCESSFUL MEN

Congrats to Paul Hamence for finishing the Servant Leadership Training Internship! Thanks for staying on to serve the men... we love your heart of compassion Paul.

Congratulations on finishing the Recovery Program!

Reuben A.
Matty Brown
Roland Scorgie
Joe S.

Congratulations on being chosen to serve as Student Leaders:

Michael H
Richard M
Mario P

Congratulations on accepting the Call and choosing to be a Servant Leader (SLT) for 12 more months

Matty Brown
Roland Scorgie

WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF THESE MEN. THEY HAVE SHOWN TRUE COURAGE!!

It's a great time to be recovering at Teen Challenge!



Cars 4 Recovery.....

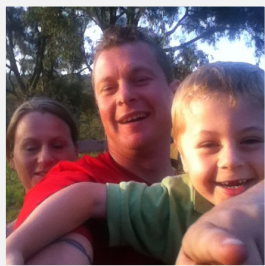
We would like to thank those that have donated cars this quarter. Your generosity really helps!.....THANKYOU!

Teen Challenge's unique Vehicle Donation Program allows individuals to donate their vehicles and change a life in our rehabilitation program. Proceeds from the sales of the donated vehicles directly fund our program. Students in the program work with staff learning valuable work skills as they perform minor detailing and mechanical repairs. Vehicles not road-worthy are sold to recyclers and help fund our program.

*All donations receive a fair market value donation receipt.



"THE BOYS FARM".....WILLOW GROVE



Introducing Danny and Andrea Kellet along with their son Brandon. Danny has graduated the "Live Free" program in May 2011. Danny and family moved to the Willow Grove "Boys Farm" as it affectionately known by the locals. After spending some time on a family vacation at the property they were both captivated by the idea of moving onto the farm permanently. So far this year the Kellets have hosted 7 groups of people ranging from Church groups facilitating their own programs, to families taking the opportunity to retreat from the busyness of life. Danny, Andrea and Brandon have been very well received by the local farmers, church groups and all are keen to see Teen Challenge involved in the area.

Groups can be involved in the farm activities, like rearing the 20 Friesian calves, fishing in the Latrobe river, or just taking an extended walk through the 200 acres of beautiful forest. The property has been granted a substantial Eco Tender from the Department of Sustainability and Environment to carry out environmental works. This has provided some teams of Teen Challenge students a great opportunity to take a break from the regular program and be involved in the erecting of new fencing to protect the forest and river from cattle. Ongoing work such as weed control and clearing of walking tracks will continue over the next number of years.

Our vision is "Growing Good Men". We believe that when men journey into their own story they discover a profound encounter that becomes a re-focus of their life. When teenage boys are authentically initiated into Manhood they become aware of what life is all about and where they fit into the picture. This year marks the start of a development program for the property that will see significant growth, both at the property and for men and their families that get connected with it.

If your family or Church group would like to visit or stay at the please call Danny on 0459 999 448 leave a message if no answer as phone reception is scarce. (That's why its such a great retreat)

CAN YOU HELP US WITH SOME NEEDS:

- Men's winter jackets
- Men's rain gear
- Men's steel toe work boots
- Leather work gloves

New Staff.....

A big welcome to Bernie & Leah Leahy. Bernie entered the program in 2005. He came to Teen Challenge as a last hope having been on Methadone for the past 14 years. Bernie had a very real personal encounter with the Holy Spirit which began the radical change in his heart. He completed the program and Servant Leadership Training, became a Staff member then met Leah who was a visitor to our Wednesday night chapel services. He left Teen Challenge and pursued work with a secular youth program. He completed studies in Cert 4 AOD and Cert in Social Work. During this time Bernie and Leah married in November 2010. Towards the end of 2011 Bernie felt a tug in his heart to return to the team at Teen Challenge. We are thrilled to have him return with his lovely wife and we know that they will make a great contribution to the community!



Welcome back!!

FREEDOM JUMP - 2012



(This is a picture of our Executive Directors wife, Marcia Meyer, at our 2010 Freedom Jump. If she can do so can you!!!...go on we dare you!!)

It's that time again!

Jump out of a perfectly good plane?

Teen Challenge's Freedom Jump is your opportunity to participate in this extreme event and help us fight against drugs in your communities! Funds raised will help in our rehabilitation centre. The best news is that everyone can be involved - either as a jumper, sponsor or a supporter on the ground. Please call the Teen Challenge office for more details of how you can get involved 58523777.

APRIL 21st AT NAGAMBIE AIRFIELD

With a little bit of effort you can make a huge difference!



Yes, we wish to make a tax deductible donation to help save lives!!

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