

TEEN CHALLENGE VICTORIA—SPRING UPDATE 2014

TEEN CHALLENGE THRIFT STORE OPENING A GREAT SUCCESS!



Teen Challenge opened a thrift store in the main street of Kyabram in July. It was a wonderful start with a lot of media coverage in both the local Kyabram news and also Shepparton news.

The store is a great step forward in the life of Teen Challenge Victoria. One of the best things about it is the development and setup of the store was undertaken by a combination of graduated students and existing students working side by side, using a combination of skills to bring the project to completion. The support received from a number of suppliers to provide racking and storage was also a great blessing. Overall the feedback from customers has been wonderfully positive, many saying it's the best Thrift Store they have ever been in. The shop now gives Teen Challenge a presence in the town and the response to us has been sensational. The store gives real day to day contact with the community of Kyabram and the Teen Challenge students gain experience in a number of skills. This will now become one more spoke in the wheel of support towards developing the best quality program delivery that we can, helping people break free from the cycle of addiction. It will assist with the ongoing vision to setup the Home of Hope women and children's centre. There are many things to put in place to provide this centre the support needed to ensure it is sustainable in the long term.



Teen Challenge Freedom Ride Saturday October 11 2014

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The Freedom Ride is on again this year, being held at IBLP in Lilydale. We have decided to focus the ride on raising funds to install a 100 Kw Solar Electricity system. The costs of running the programs are ever increasing with cost of living increases we all face. As part of our strategy to bring the delivery costs to a minimum and ensure sustainability into the future, and do our bit for the environment, this Solar Power will save over \$40,000 per year and allow Teen Challenge to employ more staff, to help more people. The goal is to raise the funds to install it debt free. This means that every time the sun comes out the Solar Power will be saving money. It's the gift that keeps on giving FOREVER.. This again is a key to the strategy of funding a centre for Women and Children .. LONG TERM... I am proud to announce JIMS SOLAR are offering to supply and install the system at their cost.. Giving Teen Challenge a massive discount on the system... To join the ride or make a donation to this event please go to: www.mycause.com.au/events/teenchallengevictoriafreedomride

SATURDAY
October 11th



Teen Challenge Victoria
Freedom Ride 2014

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Many Blessings

Neil Meyer

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Executive Director

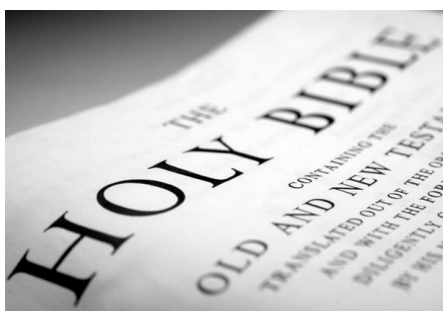


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Steve's Life Story

Hello my name is Steven and I am 22 years old. I grew up in a broken home. My mum and dad had both come from broken marriages before they met and married each other. I have three step brothers and one step sister. Mum and dad are very emotionally cut off so I grew up looking for love and acceptance. When I turned 13 I found what seemed like love and acceptance in binge drinking and partying. I felt right at home getting drunk and partying all night long. It was not long before I found heavier drugs like speed and ecstasy. I seemed like I had found everything I could ever need. From Friday to Sunday I could completely forget about the reality of my broken and lost state. It was not long before the party life was over I had graduated to the class of a drug called 'meth' (ice). In a very short six months I had lost everything....all of my possessions and my family were exhausted. They had got to the point where they had nothing more to give. I had bled them dry. That is when I gave up! I got to a place where I believed that everyone would be better off without me. I was going to take my own life. God waited till the 11th hour and the 59th minute. He found me and led me to Teen Challenge, since then my faith has been growing stronger and stronger. I have not looked back. I came to Teen Challenge on May 27th 2013 and I have been bathing in God's love ever since. There is only one word that can describe the transformation that has taken place....'miracle'. From a junkie biker wanna be to a warrior of God's army that nothing will strike down. Almost 16 months on and I have finished the Teen Challenge program....that is a miracle in itself. I had started many things before and I could never finish them. I have been able to work through the lies that controlled my life. I have set my feet on a solid rock.....thank you Jesus!



Jeremiah 33: 3

"Call to me and I will answer you, I will tell you marvellous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own".



Yes, we wish to make a gift that keeps on giving!

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