



# TEEN CHALLENGE CINCINNATI

The Faith-Based Solution for the Drug Epidemic

## No Longer Faking it to Make it

by Joshua General

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Hello everyone, my name is Joshua General and I am twenty-two years old. I am a former student of Teen Challenge Cincinnati, graduating in October of 2011. I am blessed to have this opportunity to share my story with you all and give all the glory and honor to God for the work He has done to make this possible. I came to the program for my second time on December 28, 2010; I had been released from the program for the first time about eight months prior to that date. When I returned I was a broken and scared young man, on the last leg of heroin detox and absolutely hating myself for the life I had created up to that point.

For the next two months of the program I "faked it to make it" as we say on the hill. I never surrendered or made my faith my own, until one day at a church service the Holy Spirit touched me in a way that I never knew existed. I just felt a sense of peace and love that I never knew was possible before, and ultimately that night after much boxing with God I surrendered my life to Him and made Him my Lord and Savior. After I finally quit trying to just "make it through" the program and really began to invest, the Lord came in and began to move some serious relational, and spiritual mountains in my life. I began to hunger for the Lord and knowledge/relationship with Him, and it seemed the more I searched the more I found of Him.

Since graduating my relationship with my family has been completely restored, we are no longer a house divided but a house planted firmly on God's solid rock. I have also made the Dean's List at Sinclair Community College and am transferring to Cedarville Christian University this fall 2012 to finish my degree in Exercise Science and Nutrition. There have been many ups and downs since graduating, but through them God has truly shown His power and love and been with me step by step. Today I am still in awe of the restoration He has facilitated in my life and am so excited to see what He has for me down the road (Jeremiah 29:11). Teen Challenge has not just helped get me off the streets and off heroin; it has been the vessel of Christ used to draw me back into my rightful place of relationship with Him. I am so thankful to the staff and how God has used them in my life and is continuing to use them in the lives of young men and women today. To God be the Glory!



**Joshua General**



To hear more testimonies, watch videos, find information and donate easily and safely, go to  
[www.TeenChallengeCincinnati.org](http://www.TeenChallengeCincinnati.org)

### Volunteer Needs:

Local Churches are involved in 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.



# New Raspberry Farm!

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Over the past 24 months we have been planning, designing, installing and planting a raspberry farm! Beginning with 4,500 starter plants, this will grow into a substantial crop. Organically grown, complete with timed irrigation and plenty of hands on TLC by the men and women students, we will be ready for U-pick in early fall of next year.

*The well held out during the drought- thank you Lord!*



*All hands on deck for the planting!*



*Two kinds of sowing going on.*



*Dan Rouster oversees the laying of the irrigation lines.*



*Over 9700 feet of irrigation pipe and tubing laid!*

Thank you to those who gave financially for this venture and the volunteers, with special recognition to:  
Danny Hartmann – Hartmann's Plant Company,  
Dan Rouster – Rouster's Apple House ,  
Dale Stokes – Stokes Farm,  
Danny Grant- Grant Farm and Greenhouses, Trickl-eez, Milford Winnelson and Clermont County Equipment.





*Exploring wildlife in East Stonelick Creek.*



*Leadership communications training.*



*Adventure Campers of 2012*

## Adventure Camp

This year's Adventure Camp, for eight to twelve year old's, was another huge success in boy to manhood leadership training. This year's camp leadership theme was "The Servant Leader".



*The mud crawl! Just part of the 2012 Challenge Race!*

### Who Are We?

Located on 165 acres of beautiful countryside in Milford, Teen Challenge Cincinnati is a mission of hope, offering a 7 -12 month residential treatment program for men ages 18-35 dealing with the issues 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.

## The Good Report!



Dennis Montgomery (1998) is living in St. Louis, Missouri and works as a maintenance staff. He is active in his church and helps with several recovery groups. He said God used Teen Challenge to totally change his life and he will always be grateful!

Chuck Sharp (1983) has been a full-time Student Pastor (working with teens and young adults ages 13-28) with Kettering Assembly of God for the past 5 years. He and his wife have 4 children all of whom are involved in church, in college and his oldest is a worship leader and engineer. In September he will be going to South Africa with a missions team where they will be teaching and preaching in tents. To the glory of God, he has been drug free ever since coming to Teen Challenge!

Craig Aven (2009) has recently returned from Nashville recording his new album project titled "Satisfied in You" due to be out this Fall!

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU...**Alumni of Teen Challenge (grads and non grads) ...

Please call us with an update on how you are doing and your contact information.



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- Automotive mechanic's tools and tools in general.



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