

Helping people with life controlling problems

Newsletter

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Success Story

Mark

My name is Mark Lowey, I am from Ayrshire on the west coast of Scotland. I graduated from Teen Challenge in 2000. I went into the centre in Wales in 1999 after spending the previous 12yrs leading a chaotic lifestyle fuelled by drugs which led to frequent spells in prison.

I left school with no qualifications and had been on probation and attending children's panels since the age of 13. By the time I reached my mid twenties I had been addicted to heroin for a number of years and did not see any hope of getting off. I was introduced to Teen Challenge through a graduate of the programme who shared his story with me and told me that God had a plan for my life.

Graduating from Teen Challenge was the one of the first positive achievements in my life and the catalyst for more. I hadn't worked for years before entering the programme and so I was glad when John

Macey took a risk and employed me. I worked in the centre in Wales for a couple of years and travelled the country with the evangelistic outreach team 'The Evidence' before coming back to Scotland to help set up and get running the Teen Challenge centre in Duns where I worked as a Senior Support Worker.

After working there for a few years I felt the call of God to go into the ministry and in June I graduated with Honours from Edinburgh University having completed a degree in Divinity. Over the last few years I have been going through the training process to become a minister in the

Church of Scotland and will start as an assistant minister in a church in Edinburgh city centre in August.

I live in Edinburgh, have been married to Caroline for 5 years and we had our first child Hannah two years ago. God has used the ministry of Teen Challenge to totally transform me from being a drug addict with no hope and no future, to being a family man, a Minister, and a graduate from one of the top Universities in the world. Please keep us in your prayers as we go into another new chapter in our lives.



New bus for Teen Challenge Rhondda

On April 13th 2010 in the spacious grounds of the Rhondda Heritage Park, the Rhondda Branch of Teen Challenge were delighted to receive a new bus for outreach on local valley streets. The bus was generously donated by Stagecoach and handed over by the South Wales Managing Director, accompanied by his Marketing Manager, in the presence of the Mayor & Mayoress of Rhondda Cynon Taff.

Over light refreshments at the Hotel, the Rhondda committee and street workers were able to inform the group of the international nature of Teen Challenge ministry and its efforts here in Wales.



Hope House new fundraising Project

After another successful season in the production and sales of hand crafted candles Hope House girls have embarked on a further exciting project creating a variety of stylish jewellery, which we intend to offer in small sales units to churches and groups for fund raising events. If you would like to order a unit of either Jewellery, Candles or both for your event on a sale or return basis and receive a 10% commission for your cause, please contact; **01269 833020** 8am to 8pm Mon to Sat. Or email mike.rankin@teenchallenge.org.uk



Directors Desk



Jay Fallon

It is my privilege to address you as the new Executive Director for Teen Challenge in the UK and the first thing that I would like to say is simply this; A sincere thank you to every local church in the UK, of all denominations, that have opened its doors to Teen Challenge over many years. I give thanks for churches and

individuals in those churches that have supported Teen Challenge faithfully, some over a period of many years, some for just a few months, some for just a few weeks. Please be assured that your support and prayers have impacted thousands of young people in the UK whose lives have been transformed through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our doors have remained open over the last 26 years through Gods grace and the hard work and efforts of every staff member and every gift that God has sent to Teen Challenge, especially

Pastor John Macey, whose dedication, commitment and faithfulness to the work of Teen Challenge in the UK has bought us to such a place where we can now continue to go forward in the great work of reaching young people with life controlling problems.

It is my strong desire to reach even more hurting people through this ministry, on the streets of this nation and to disciple and release them into their God given purpose to reach their potential in the local church in the UK and beyond!

The Bible says; *'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.'* Proverbs 31:8-9

Please continue to pray for all of the staff and students at Teen Challenge. I trust you will be blessed as you read about the lives of young people who have been or are being touched by this ministry.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Jay Fallon

Graduation Service - Friday 1st October

Come and be encouraged with what God is doing in the lives of the young people that have graduated the Teen Challenge programme.

Location: City Temple (Elim Church), Dyfatty Street, Swansea. (Near railway station).

Guest Speaker: Mike Zello who is a world missionary and serves as the Director of Global Teen Challenge. Mike has been associated with Teen Challenge since its beginning in 1958, when he worked under David Wilkerson, the organisation's founder. He has directed programs for over 35 years including 5 years at the original centre in Brooklyn, New York and 25 years as the executive director of Teen Challenge of Washington, DC and Maryland. Mike served for many years as a member of the USA Teen Challenge National Board of Directors and as the Eastern Regional representative. He travels the world extensively helping to train workers and start Teen Challenge programs.



Mike Zello

Still Looking For Treasure

Since October '07 Project **'WAY OUT'** has been going to some of the darkest streets of the UK. An outreach team of ladies from Hope House, led by Julie Murray, share their stories of transformation to ladies in the cities red light areas. These ladies are not easily won - yet we stand on Gods promise that "

I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. "I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden wealth of secret places," *Isaiah ch 45 v 2-3*

Committed and dedicated we continue to search for treasured lives, broken, lost and hopeless and needing a **'WAY OUT'**. Hundreds of working girls have been given hope and shown the love of Jesus. In speaking with one lady recently in Cardiff, we told her that ' there was no love like Jesus love, no peace like Jesus peace and no touch like Jesus touch'. As she listened she gently replied 'It's been a long time since I've heard about Jesus'. This lady has since given her life to the Lord and is taking steps to change her circumstances.

Please pray as we go into this world carrying the light of Christ, and consider strategy for the season ahead. Check out our website for further details.

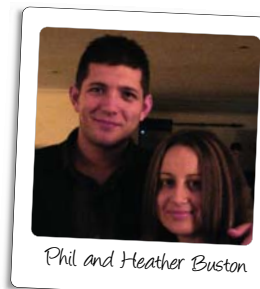
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New Music Director at Teen Challenge UK

We are pleased to welcome Phil Buston as the new Music Director of Teen Challenge UK. Phil has moved with his wife Heather and two sons Joel (aged 2) and Ethan (aged 1) from Wiltshire to South Wales and is a former graduate of the Teen Challenge programme.

Since he graduated in 2003 Phil has attended Kingdom Faith Bible College where he completed a diploma in Christian ministry and then spent several years in secular employment whilst being part of the Worship team at Kingdom Faith Church in Horsham. It was there that he met Heather and married in September 2007. Phil and Heather value your prayers as they look forward to everything God has planned for them and they are delighted to be part of the Teen Challenge family. Phil is now leading the music ministry of the Evidence and Living Hope and is excited at the prospect of building the kingdom of God through the great ministry of Teen Challenge.



Phil and Heather Buston

Supporting Teen Challenge UK

We commit to excellence in stewardship of your gift to us and would ask that you consider how you can help us in this:

Monthly standing order – if you regularly donate in other ways, why not contact the National office for a 'Sponsor a student' form and get your gift sent automatically via standing order?

You can donate on-line at – www.teenchallenge.org.uk

If you are a UK taxpayer – why not sign up to gift aid your donation? – contact Kim at the National office or email kim.blackburn@teenchallenge.org.uk.

Receiving your newsletter via email – for further details email kim.blackburn@teenchallenge.org.uk.

Prayer – we value your prayers for the students, finances and further development of Teen Challenge in the UK.

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Teen Challenge Outreach in Newport celebrates 20 years of blessing

Teen Challenge Newport celebrated their 20th anniversary on Monday May 10th at The Abundant Life centre Newport. A meal was provided for volunteers, those who give financially to the work in Newport and to the guests that we meet on the bus and at the centre. There were over 100 people who came and then stayed on for a celebration service. The event was attended by Royston Evans who was one of the first to get involved when Teen Challenge Newport started in 1990. Pastor Jay Fallon Executive Director of Teen Challenge UK was invited to speak and The Evidence came to support Jay by doing the worship and sharing some testimonies. Rachel Jones shared her story. Rachel has completed the Teen Challenge programme and now works in Newport Teen Challenge. Jay gave an encouraging and motivating message which touched both the volunteers and guests. It was great to see everyone coming together to celebrate the amazing things God has done and continues to do through Teen Challenge in Newport.



Testimony – Julie

Hi my name is Julie and I come from Bradford. While growing up I had to deal with rejection, after my mum abandoned my brother and I. I expected her to come back and get us, but sadly she never did. I was so scared of being rejected again, so I was always looking for acceptance.

At 7 years old I got abused, and at that age I didn't know it was wrong. At 15, I started to run away but was always looking for love & acceptance. I first used heroin at 19 yrs, and

then my life became non existent. I lost my children, my self worth and also any respect I had left for myself.

I worked the streets of Bradford for 11 years to pay for my addiction. I knew I had to get out of that life style, and one day I cried out to God, and he heard my cry. He sent people from Teen Challenge my way, and I ended up going to Hope House in October 2008. I gave my life to Jesus and I found the love and acceptance I have always searched for.

I graduated from this amazing programme in March 2010.

Sadly three girls who I worked the streets with, were murdered this year and I know it could easily have been me. This makes me more determined to help those that continue to live that lifestyle and show them that there is a way out, it can be done. I thank God every day for my life.



The 'Teen Challenge Training Institute' based in Tycroes, South Wales, is active in not just learning about the faith but more importantly in encouraging the 'sharing' of that faith. The school has undertaken several local missions in recent months and there are a number of further UK missions already being planned to reach out to the 'fourth world', those on the margins of society.

The school has so much to offer, not just in terms of a greater knowledge of the Bible, but also in being part of a team that are

willing to serve the wider community of believers. The team has been supporting local works in Wales and other areas taking church meetings and getting involved in local outreaches, meeting and talking to young people. Those who have been helped, now reaching out to help others.

Together we can make a difference and in doing so bring glory to God through His precious Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please continue to pray for :

- Staff and students of Teen Challenge centres and those on the waiting list for residential help
- School of ministry students that they will realise their full potential in God to serve others
- Outreaches around the country that they will continue to know the blessing and protection of God in reaching the lost on the streets across the UK

Congratulations to Louise Cleal and John Mochrie

both graduates of Teen Challenge who married in Birmingham Saturday 17th July 2010.



Annual National Staff Conference

Guest Speaker Rev. Don Wilkerson, Executive Director Teen Challenge Brooklyn, NY

This years staff conference is again being held at the Hayes Conference centre, near Nottingham. This is a great opportunity for friendship and fellowship where we can receive from the Lord fresh inspiration and vision charged again with the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are pleased to announce that the guest speaker is the Reverend Don Wilkerson, co-founder of Brooklyn Teen Challenge who returned in June 2008 to lead the ministry for the second time as Executive Director.

Don joined his brother David at the beginning of Brooklyn Teen Challenge serving in various capacities and early on became the Executive Director where he served for over 26 years. Don was instrumental in developing the residential rehabilitation/ discipleship program that has been the success in changing lives for so many students of the program and in 1987 Don joined his brother David in founding Times Square Church on Broadway in Manhattan, New York.

In 1995 Don founded Global Teen Challenge helping to establish Teen Challenge Centres worldwide. He served there for some 13 years helping to plant new Centres around the world and training leaders and workers. Don is an inspiring speaker who now rarely travels outside of the USA. It is a great privilege for us and we look forward to a time of encouragement and inspiration. Why not join us? For further details contact picdare@hotmail.co.uk or telephone: 01505 872099



Hayes conference centre

Planning ahead - Christmas Cards and Calendars that assist our ministry.



Once again this year we shall benefit from the sale of Christmas cards and calendars produced by Gospel Cards, etc. 20% of their Christmas card sales and 5% of their calendar and diary sales will be given to 33 Christian missions including Teen Challenge UK. To date, we and other societies have received over £250,000 in this way.

Produced to a very high standard, the various calendars make excellent gifts for children, families and adults; while the cards are perfect for sending to Christians and non-Christian family and friends. Please see the enclosed flyer for details, and please remember to tick the box by our name if you place an order - thank you.

Thank you for your faithful support:

We would like to say a personal thank you to all of our financial supporters and prayer partners. You are vital to this ministry and we praise God for your faithfulness to *helping hurting people*.

At the beginning of June we were again able to host another Living Hope tour of 11 meetings in 10 days across 5 different denominations. The ministry was greatly received in every church and the tour proved to be a great success. Alison Stewart, a graduate of Hope House 5 years ago shared her powerful story each night, along with an amazing presentation of song and very moving testimonies from Ladies whose lives have been transformed through the power of the gospel.

One of the Pastors comments sent to us after the tour: (right)

We are planning to do 2 tours next year with Living Hope. If your church would like to book this unique presentation, please contact the National Office.



LIVING HOPE TOUR 2010

"I know that everyone who came along was powerfully impacted through the ministry of the group. There was a tangible anointing on the songs & testimonies shared that really ministered to all who heard: no-one can have left that night remaining untouched! It was so clear that they carried within them the hope of the Gospel & their lives clearly manifested Jesus!"

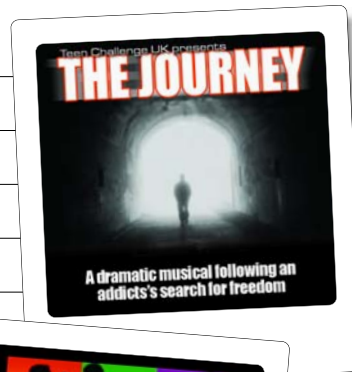


Living Hope on Tour

Teen Challenge Tour dates....

Evidence	29th September	Milford
Evidence	9th & 10th October	Southport
Journey	14th Oct	Thundersley
Journey	15th October	Braintree
Journey	16th October	Poole
Journey	17th October	Dorchester
Evidence	20th & 21st November	Ipswich
Evidence	27th & 28th November	Taunton
Evidence	5th December	Trealaw

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