

Helping people with life controlling problems

# Newsletter

SUMMER 2011



## Success Story

Kevin

My name is Kevin Duthie; I am 28 years old and from Fraserburgh.

I want to tell you about my life and how it has developed in a way that I never thought it would as I was growing up. Number 1: I never thought I would be a drug addict and number 2: I never thought I would become a committed born-again Christian either!

I had loving parents even though they separated when I was about seven years old so my upbringing was okay as a child. When I was about thirteen years old I started to experiment with different drugs, namely cannabis and LSD. People ask why I experimented with illegal substances; I guess there's a few reasons: My friends were doing it, I was at an "experimental" phase in my life and I got a buzz from it. This opened a door in my life that I was soon to regret and by the age of sixteen I had progressed to the stage of experimenting and using any drug I could get my hands on including heroin, ecstasy, crack and valium to name a few. I soon started using heroin daily and before I knew it I was your classic drug addict case-someone I never thought I would become. I went from being quite a respectable person to a thief; I went from

being a healthy guy to weighing 7st with a thin white face. I went from being ok financially to getting in to quite a lot of debt. I also lost the trust and respect from my family, but thankfully, I never lost their love.

At the age of nineteen I felt enough was enough and I contacted the Solid Rock Café (Teen Challenge Fraserburgh). On January 24th 2002 I went into the Teen Challenge programme. My views about Christianity had been that it was just a religion but if it helped me stop taking drugs I would give it a go. These views were about to change as my eyes were opened to the reality of Jesus Christ, the Risen Saviour and my Risen Saviour. I decided to give my life to Jesus after the first week as I recognised my need of help and believed that He was the only one who could help me. I came to the cross where Jesus wiped away my sins and He made me a new creation in Him. Since then my life has been completely transformed. Through my time on the programme God continually challenged me (either directly or through staff members!) and changed me through His

word and His Spirit. I graduated from Teen Challenge in May 2003 and started working for Teen Challenge Sunnybrae in Fraserburgh where I stayed until January this year. During this time I got married to my wonderful Christian wife Isabel. I now have two kids: Jacob (3) and Emily Joy (3 months).

Presently, I am working for the Elim church in Fraserburgh and hope to gain my Minister in Training status with them later in the year. I am now 28 years old and although my drug addiction was only nine years ago it feels a lifetime away as God has done so much in my life since then. Although I have moved away from employment by Teen Challenge I will always feel a great appreciation and love for the work of

Teen Challenge as it was the place I fell in love with Jesus Christ my Saviour, Lord and Friend and where I have seen others set free by the power of the Gospel. I have faced many challenges since becoming a Christian and there will be many challenges that lie ahead but I know that...



Kevin Duthie & Family

...*"overwhelming victory is ours through Christ"* Romans 8:37

Please Pray for Staff and students of Teen Challenge centres and those on the waiting list for residential help

## Teen Challenge School of Ministry Mission Trip - Czech Republic May '11



Please Pray for

School of ministry students as they serve others on the mission field and in the towns and cities across the UK

Recently a team of 18 from the School of Ministry travelled to Central Europe and worked alongside the established Teen Challenge work there.

A variety of practical tasks were achieved such as painting the street kids new building called 'House of Hope' in the Prague suburbs. The team did extensive outreach in the cities and saw and ministered to many in extreme addiction. With a Christian population of only 1 per cent this former communist country is in great need of the gospel and its transforming power, especially its dark streets which we walked upon.

We found the people to be very genuine and open, listening to many of our teams testimonies of freedom from addiction. The School of Ministry Students have returned stretched and with a greater boldness to serve the Lord in their generation. *A worthwhile trip!*

# Directors Desk



Jay Fallon

## Dear friends of Teen Challenge

I write this newsletter to you with great joy in my heart and excitement with what the Lord is doing. The heart of Teen Challenge has always been evangelism. To seek and reach the most vulnerable marginalised people in our society. I am delighted to tell you that we have recently completed the purchase of a former hotel in Upper Broughton, Leicestershire. For many years we have been exercised about how we can best develop our training to equip the maximum number of people to work with those of the fourth world. This facility provides us with amazing opportunities. It is 14 miles from Nottingham's city centre and 17 miles from Leicester and has millions of people living within a 50 mile radius. We will be located just a short drive from many inner city areas where addiction

and prostitution are so prevalent, yet we will be situated a mile and a half from the nearest village.

Until the 18th of March this year the property was trading as a Best Western Hotel but because of the recession and some excellent negotiation by a friend of Teen Challenge we have been able to purchase this 75 bedroom property at an amazing price. We have already been granted change of use by the local planning authority and we completed the purchase in April.

We will relocate our Training School to this site and this will allow us to take those we are training into key inner city areas while living close at hand. It will allow many who are not able to be resident full time to travel to our Training School on a daily basis. In order for our training to be most productive the site will also host our main male residential centre and our National Office. We will significantly increase the number of training places we have available as well as increasing the number of bed spaces for male residents.

The prospect of being able to pursue outreach in so many key cities without having to first build a whole infrastructure in each one will release us to spend a maximum amount of time in direct contact with those in need.

Through our Training School we will be able to offer direct support and practical help to those churches that are seeking to work with the hurting in these communities.

I am sure that you will be excited about this new prospect and I solicit your continuous prayer and support as we have taken this step forward in reaching the lost in our communities. It is a step of faith which I believe reflects the heart of God so that we can have a greater impact as we continue to go forward together to reach a generation that has gone astray, to step out in faith to do great things for the Lord and believe God for great things. We must expand, we must grow and this facility provides us with a most exciting opportunity to do just that.

I am also happy to report to you all that our current workers and volunteers up and down the country are still walking the streets, reaching these young people with good news, and telling them that your life doesn't have to be this way, it can change. They are working hard to prepare young people to come into our centres and to find freedom through the teachings of Jesus Christ and practical work. I thank God for these volunteers who work on the Teen Challenge buses and in the

challenging carries a great reward in witnessing young men and women being restored.

Through your help and support many hundreds and thousands of lives have been changed. This is my deep conviction simply because when you touch one life, you touch families and the lives of a whole community.

So we don't grow weary in doing good but we continue to press on and believe God for even more lives to be changed in our nation through the ministry that God has raised up. To continue to reach those as it says in Proverbs 31:8-9 "To speak up for those that cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and the needy." The harvest is ripe and I know together we believe that and that God is faithful as we continually reach that which was lost.

The vision must continue and our new facility will help us to send more of our workers into our cities.

And finally... It was with great sadness as I am sure many of you have heard that the founder Pastor David Wilkerson passed away this year. I have included a special tribute to which I am sure we can all say Amen.

Thank you  
Pastor Jay Fallon

## NEW PROJECT Teen Challenge New project



drop-in centres in some of the darkest areas of the UK. I admire their courage, commitment and their faithfulness to reach these young people.

We must also remember those who work tirelessly in the rehab centres, encouraging and uplifting of the students every day. This work although

Please Pray for Teen Challenge as it moves into this new area that God will provide labourers for the work.

## A tribute to David Wilkerson 19th May 1931 - 27th April 2011

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the sudden death of David Wilkerson the founder of Teen Challenge.

David Wilkerson epitomised the power of a life lived in obedience to God. Through this Pastor of a small Church in Pennsylvania God has impacted countless lives throughout the world for over 50 years. His ministry brought hope to millions from every walk of life especially the hopeless, the broken and the addicted. His initial act of

obedience that led him to the streets of New York to help young people has resulted in Teen Challenge centres in over 87 countries with 24000 residents being helped on any single day. The ministry of Teen Challenge continues to thrive and grow reaching those lost and broken and Teen Challenge currently has invitations to start in over 30 countries where there is pressing need. David Wilkerson was a man of great influence and had an outstanding impact in this world. His humble

beginnings have inspired many others to realise what God can do with a surrendered life. Teen Challenge is only one small part of David Wilkerson's life and legacy. World Challenge and Times Square Church have had massive influence on many millions and will continue to do so. We are indebted to David Wilkerson for his amazing example and we honour the faithfulness of this great man of God.



# Reaching Communities

We have many local outreaches across the UK comprising of many hundreds of local volunteers who have a heart to reach those in need in their local communities. These workers go to the streets of our towns and cities night after night, into the highways and byways to spread the good news that there is a hope and His name is Jesus!

Please pray for these local works and also for the towns and cities that are not represented that God will raise up workers for the harvest field.



Teen Challenge - London



Teen Challenge - Sowerby Bridge



Teen Challenge - Wellingborough



Teen Challenge - Rhondda



Teen Challenge - Leeds



Teen Challenge - Dorset



Teen Challenge - Newport



Teen Challenge - Belfast



Teen Challenge - Doncaster



Teen Challenge - Way Out Team



Teen Challenge - Birmingham



Teen Challenge - Ilkeston



Teen Challenge - Glasgow/Strathclyde

Please pray for Teen Challenge 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



## Student Graduation Service

The spring graduation service in April was well attended with Teen Challenge workers, visitors, families and students past and present from across the UK attending to celebrate the goodness of God in transforming the lives of those who have recently graduated the Teen Challenge programme from various centres. The guest speaker was Tom Bremer (National Director Teen Challenge Europe) who brought a challenging message.

Why not make a date in your diary to join us on **Friday 7th October 2011 at 7.30pm** to be encouraged and inspired by what God is doing in the lives of the young people that have graduated the Teen Challenge programme. We are pleased to announce that the guest speaker for this service is John Partington. John is the National Leader of Assemblies of God who has been a pastor and apostolic leader who now uses his widespread experience to inspire and



encourage others. John has led churches in Bedworth, Liverpool and Exeter as well as pioneering 7 others.

Location: **City Temple (Elim Church), Dyfatty Street, Swansea. SA1 1QQ** (Near railway station).

## A Good Report

A recent visit was made from representatives from a local church charity shop to deliver a donation in aid of Teen Challenge Hope House. We were greatly encouraged by the positive response received following their visit:

*Thank you so much for the time you spent with us, it was a privilege to be shown around, meet the girls and to catch a glimpse of what happens at Hope House. We were all touched by our visit and talked about it all the way home. So it's with renewed enthusiasm that we will work in the shop to continue to raise money for such worthy organisations that seek to further our Lord's kingdom. I am in awe of what God enables you to achieve in Teen Challenge, it's a living, working model of faith, hope and love. God bless you and your team for your dedication and passion.*



## Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Faye Taylor and Kenny Brandie who married in Fraserburgh on 9th April 2011. Faye graduated the Teen Challenge programme in October 2008.



## Annual National Staff Conference - 11th to 13th Nov 2011

This inspiring event is held at the Hayes Conference centre, near Nottingham. This is a great opportunity for fellowship where we are strengthened in our vision to reach the lost and charged again with the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 [pidare@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pidare@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone: **01505 872099**.

## Support Teen Challenge

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**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 online at** – [www.teenchallenge.org.uk](http://www.teenchallenge.org.uk)

**If you are a UK taxpayer** – why not sign up to gift aid your donation which enables us to claim tax back on your gifts – contact Kim at the National office or email: [kim.blackburn@teenchallenge.org.uk](mailto: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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## Evidence tour March 2011

During the month of March our men's team 'The Evidence' did a tour of the UK alongside guest speaker Pastor David Hamilton. The feedback from the tour was fantastic, with many people giving their lives to the Lord, while others were impacted and touched by the amazing testimonies of God's grace. We thank and praise God for all the people who gave their lives to the Lord during this time and we look forward to continuing in serving him for His glory.



## VACANCY

**An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Female Senior Support Worker at Hope House in Carmarthenshire**

*You will:*

- Work as part of a team to provide care and support to the residents
- Be a role model of personal effectiveness
- Provide guidance on a 1:1 basis
- Deliver biblically based teaching materials
- Help residents to develop plans to meet their goals
- Work shifts

Please send CV to Fiona Fallon, 6 Church Road, Gorslas, Llanelli SA147NF or e mail it to [fiona.fallon@teenchallenge.org.uk](mailto:fiona.fallon@teenchallenge.org.uk)

Closing date 19th August

## Living Hope Tour May 2011

Our recent Living Hope tour has been a very fruitful time, we have seen many people saved, touched and impacted by the power of Jesus Christ during the 12 meetings across the UK.

The exciting presentation consisted of songs of freedom and dynamic testimonies from the graduates of Hope House. We have had many stories of how people were inspired, moved and impacted by the ministry of Living Hope.

Comments received:

*"The testimonies were amazing and to see the transformation in the girls was truly humbling, awesome and inspiring. I'm not sure there were many dry eyes in the house either including ours! It was such a powerful demonstration of the power and grace of God through Jesus Christ"*

Another:

*"It was one of the most moving meetings I have been too and I could not stop the tears from rolling down my face when I saw the pictures of the girls before and after and when I heard the stories of hopelessness It was amazing to see how God has touched them and healed them and given them hope where the world had given up on them!"*



Living Hope on Tour

If you would like to book Living Hope for our coming tours in September 2011 or May 2012 please call Phil in the Music Outreach Department on 01269 842718 or [phil.buston@teenchallenge.org.uk](mailto:phil.buston@teenchallenge.org.uk)

## Evidence / Living Hope Dates from July to October 2011

### EVIDENCE TOUR JULY-SEP

**SUNDAY 3RD JULY** - Neath Apostolic 5:30pm

**SUNDAY 10TH JULY** - Liverpool City Church  
10:30AM Morning Celebration

6:00PM Evening Meeting

8:00PM Late night service

**SUNDAY 17TH JULY** - Marsh Lane  
Pentecostal Church AOG 6pm

**SUNDAY 4TH SEP** - Sardis Baptist Church  
Resolven, 6:30pm

### LIVING HOPE TOUR SEP-OCT

**FRIDAY 16TH SEP** - Calvary Pentecostal  
Church, Tredegar @ 7:00pm

**SATURDAY 17TH SEP** - Sharon Full Gospel  
Church, Pontypool @ 7:00pm

**SUNDAY 18TH SEP** - Baglan Community  
Church, Port Talbot @ 10:30am

**SUNDAY 18TH SEP** - Elim Christian Centre,  
Cheltenham @ 6:30pm

**MONDAY 19TH SEP** - Joint event Morriston  
@ The Sacred Heart Centre @ 7:00pm

**TUESDAY 20TH SEP** - TBC

**WEDNESDAY 21ST SEP** - TBC

**THURSDAY 22ND SEP** - Oasis Church,  
Portsmouth, Start Time: TBC

**FRIDAY 23RD SEP** - Elim Eastbourne, Start  
time: TBC

**SUNDAY 25TH SEP** - Wirral Christian  
Centre, 6:00pm

**SUNDAY 2ND OCT** - Oakdale AOG, time TBC

**FRIDAY 7TH OCT** - Student Graduation @  
Swansea Elim

### EVIDENCE TOUR OCTOBER

**SATURDAY 15TH OCT** - All Nations Christian  
Centre, Wolverhampton, 7:00pm

**SUNDAY 16TH OCT** - Life Community  
Church, Hockley, 11am

**SUNDAY 16TH OCT** - Elim Church  
Kingstanding, 6:30pm

**MONDAY 17TH OCT** - TBC

**TUESDAY 18TH OCT** - Besaacar Evangelical  
Church, Doncaster, start time TBC

**WEDNESDAY 19TH OCT** - The Hub,  
Rotherham, details TBC

**THURSDAY 20TH OCT** - TBC

**FRIDAY 21ST OCT** - Silverdale Elim, Stoke  
On-Trent, Start time TBC

**SATURDAY 22ND OCT** - TBC

**SUNDAY 23RD OCT** - Elim Church, Kings  
Heath, 10:30am

**SUNDAY 23RD OCT** - Christian Life Centre,  
Birmingham. 6:30pm



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